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Creating the kitchen of your dreams? "Choose what feels timeless," suggests **Designer Nate Berkus**. "Think in terms of what you'll love forever, not just in this moment." As Artistic Advisor to **LG Studio**, **Berkus** inspired a new line of **LG Studio appliances** with pro-style features like hefty metal knobs and flat doors—for a suite that's both well designed and hardworking, giving you a kitchen you'll love for years to come.

LESS-IS-MORE AESTHETIC.

Nate suggests matching the clean lines of your appliances with classic touches, like white subway tile and black lacquer cabinets. "Simple and elegant is always best in this space."

SEAMLESS PRO-STYLE.

Every detail matters, that's why we wrapped the water dispenser in the same stainless steel as the rest of the fridge. "Details make every space feel important; that goes for the kitchen, too."

LASTING SPLURGES.

"I like a room that has a sense of history. To achieve that in your kitchen, consider vintage wood flooring or an island that features antique brass details. Both are forever choices that you'll never tire of."

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outdoor pillow

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chair

Compamia La Plaza Lucca plastic chairs in orange, \$140 for a set of 2, wayfair.com



doorstop

Squirrel 4"-tall cast-iron doorstop, \$8, worldmarket.com

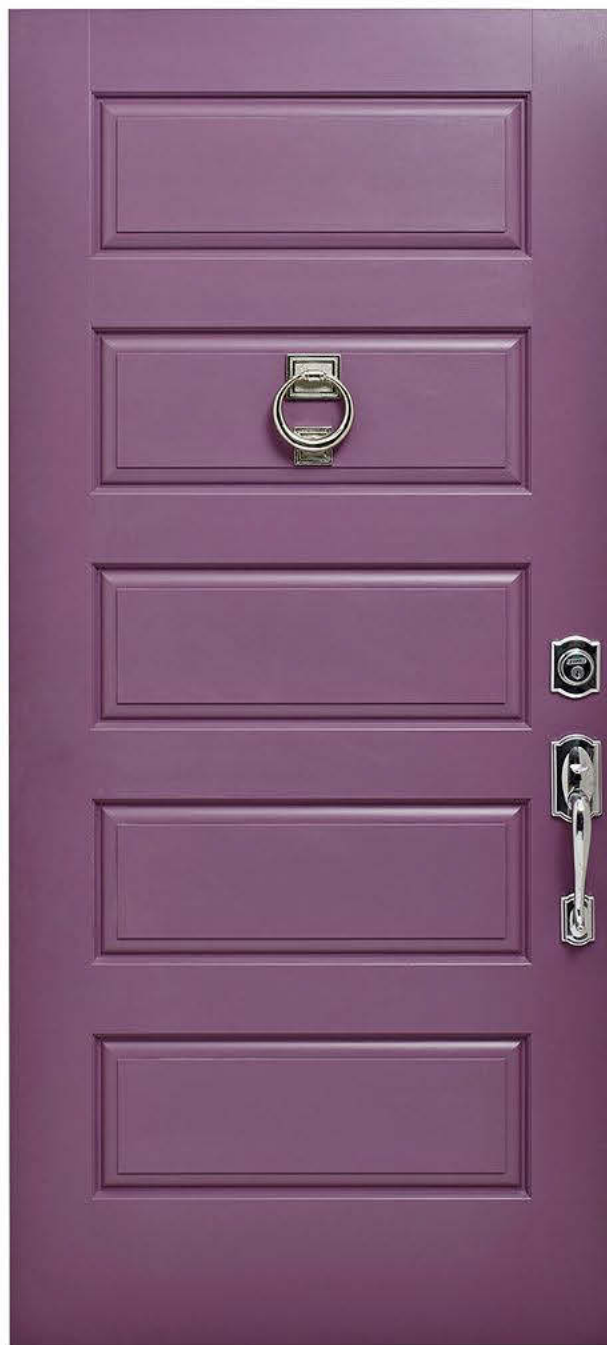


doormat

Home & More Stripe coir doormat, \$31.50, hayneedle.com

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front door of the month

door

Classic-Craft Canvas fiberglass door, from \$618, thermatru.com for stores; Camelot one-side-keyed brass handleset in bright chrome finish, \$148, schlage.com for stores; Classic Ring brass door knocker in polished nickel finish, \$85, rejuvenation.com

paint

Victorian Plum
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plant stand

Hip Haven Retro Bullet 23"H (overall) x 15 3/4"-diameter fiberglass planter with steel tripod stand, \$165, lumens.com. We filled ours with dahlias.

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Wright idea

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bright idea

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Shop these shelves! Fill your kitchen with a pretty mix of bowls, mugs, and canisters.



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BASE CABINETS Hampton Bay 18"W x 24"D x 34½"H composite wood shaker base cabinets, \$125 each, homedepot.com

PAINT (on cabinets) Covington Blue by Benjamin Moore

PULLS Lauréy Melrose 5¾"-wide stainless steel T-bar pulls, \$9 each, bellacor.com

COUNTERTOP Quartz in 2141 Blizzard with polished finish, from \$65 per square foot, caesar stoneus.com for buying info

TILES Glass Connectables Detailed Jasmine tiles in white gloss and sea mist, edgewater studio.com for buying info



platter and bowl
11" x 16" stoneware platter, \$64, and 6"-diameter stoneware bowl, \$34, both in tango, both gailpittman.com



cutting board
Turkey 12" x 12" maple cutting board, \$30, eaglecuttingboards.etsy.com



cookie jar
Threshold 5½"H x 7"-diameter stoneware cookie jar, \$20, target.com



DIY TEA TOWEL

This towel's bold ogee pattern—which mimics our cover's wall tiles—looks complicated, but it's simple to replicate. All you need are crafts paints, custom-made stamps, and a plain dish towel. Turn to page 166 for the how-to.



canisters
Now Designs stoneware canisters, from \$10 each, casa.com



bowl
The Pioneer Woman Flea Market 6"-diameter stoneware bowls in multi burst red, \$16 for a set of 4, walmart.com



glass
Skoja 10-ounce glass in turquoise, \$1.50, IKEA stores



serving bowl
Farmstead Striped 5"H x 10"-diameter stoneware bowl in orange, \$38, bambeco.com



mug and bowl
The Pioneer Woman Flea Market stoneware mugs, \$16 for a set of 4, and 6"-diameter stoneware bowls, \$16 for a set of 4, both in yellow and red, both walmart.com





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spicy sweet treat
cranberry ginger relish



sides



snappy sidekick
mashed sweet potatoes



Plan your perfect table
with our Thanksgiving
board on Pinterest.



my hunt for the best barstools

In this issue, we devote a whole section to stylish kitchen upgrades. We all know that the kitchen can be the most expensive room to remodel. We also know that small changes make a big difference—and the more you stretch your decorating dollar, the more small changes you get to make. A new paint color, a new faucet, or cool new barstools can reboot your kitchen fast. Here are 10 favorites that don't cost an arm and a leg.

Sara

Sara Peterson
Editor in Chief



shiny metal

Tabouret 30"-tall steel barstools in orchid, \$70 for a set of 2, overstock.com



beachy

Hyacinth 30"-tall fiber and mahogany barstool, \$99, zgallerie.com



adjustable

Industrial metal barstool, \$132.50, jcpenney.com



cool back

Modway Entangled 30½"-tall plastic barstool in red, \$140, novidecor.com



fave pattern

Uptown 30"-tall cotton and wood barstool in grey and white, \$120, target.com



frenchy

Syena 30"-tall rattan and wood barstool, \$130, worldmarket.com



sleek shape

Grotto 32¼"-tall faux-leather, wood, and chrome barstool in cherry, \$145, overstock.com



easy to clean

Richardson Seating Floridian 30"-tall vinyl and chrome barstool, \$106, lowes.com



modern flair

James 30¾"-tall faux-leather and metal barstool, \$149, homedecorators.com

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Readers tell us what they think and share photos of their own projects.



I was impressed by Chip Wade's butler's pantry, which you featured in September's "Chip Off Duty" house tour. The blue cabinets and walnut backsplash make a fabulous combination, and that herringbone pattern is so cool! I love everything about this space.

—Kelli Fowler, Tampa, FL

Thanks for the moving tips in your

July/August issue ["Trade Secrets From the Pros: Movers Tell All"]. It brought back memories of the times I've moved over the years. An extra piece of advice: Put chargers and good-to-have handy tools, like pliers, in a box. Make that box the last thing on the truck so it can be taken off first at your new home since it holds stuff you'll probably need right away.

—Charlie Kohl, Pen Argyl, PA



What a fun idea to turn rulers into

photo frames [September's "Office Supply Makeovers"]. They look easy to make and affordable. I think they'd be great gifts for teachers.

—Rebecca Firestone, Lancaster, PA



For years I'd been wanting to paint

my boring white front door, but I didn't know what color would go with my robin's-egg blue siding. Enter *HGTV Magazine*. While reading June's "Wow! What Color Is That?" I saw how great Royal Breeze by Behr could look, so I went for it. What a curb appeal boost!

—Lesley Stroot, Rockville, MD

Editor's note: Behr recently renamed many of its paint colors. Royal Breeze has been replaced with Express Blue.



From our issue to your home

The Dwell Studio fabric in May's "Fabrics We Love" really stuck with me, so I ordered some to make into a shade for my kitchen. Here's the finished product. It turned out great and adds a nice pop of color to the room!

—CAROLE MENEFFEE JENSEN, HOUSTON, TX



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Thanks to the Bullards for all the creative ideas in their home [June's "22 Tips From Expert Renovators"]. I loved their wood-paneled wall so much that my husband and I re-created it above our kitchen island using paint and strips of poplar.

It was such a great project!

—JACKIE TAMTE, BONITA SPRINGS, FL

It's fun knowing your magazine is headed my way because you always put together stylish, attainable spaces. I'm not crafty, yet I find it easy to pull off the ideas you feature.

—Denise Dykstra, Martin, MI

We just bought our first house, and I'm fully prepared to start painting and decorating, thanks to all the tips I've learned from your magazine. I'm glad I can put the issues I've saved to good use.

—Jennifer Kallin, Sanford, FL

The HGTV Urban Oasis 2015 house [September's "Win This House!"] is totally my style. The kitchen is so bright and cheery, I can picture myself making coffee there every morning. That'd be a dream!

—Victoria Thompson, Cincinnati, OH

I'm moving to the Gulf Coast, and I found the perfect inspiration for my new place in your July/August issue. I wish I had a magic wand to duplicate the coral-themed bedroom in "Shop Like You Have a Beach House."

—Kathy Enders, New York, NY

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—Jim Landers, Mr. Handyman of Greater Fairfield County, Fairfield, CT

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“Electric stud finders aren't always accurate.

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—Josh Temple, *House Crashers*

C.H. Hanson magnetic stud finder, \$10, homedepot.com



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—Chip Wade, *Elbow Room*

Commercial Electric 8-inch cable ties, \$4.50 for a mixed set of 100, homedepot.com



“When no amount of cleaning will turn dingy grout white, I recolor it. This formula comes in 20 shades and makes gross grout look brand-new. Plus, it seals at the same time.”

—Robert Criner, Criner Remodeling, Newport News, VA

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—Paul Sullivan, The Sullivan Company, Newton, MA

Zud Heavy Duty cleanser, \$2.50 for 6 ounces, Ace Hardware stores



“Brace yourself: This level will totally change how you hang mirrors and art. It sticks to the wall via vacuum suction and shoots a red laser line across it like you’re in a *Tron* movie. So cool!”

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how bad is it...

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...to let the Thanksgiving meal sit out all afternoon?

Everybody loves to graze leisurely on leftovers—especially bacteria. Keep your holiday spread lingering at room temperature for just a few hours and microbes will multiply faster than the deals on Black Friday. Debra Botzek-Linn, associate professor at the University of Minnesota Extension in St. Cloud, MN, says you should refrigerate the remnants of your Turkey Day feast within two hours. Then make sure you gobble up the leftovers within four days, tops.

super bad!

...to crack your knuckles?

It'll make a squeamish person within earshot cringe, but cracking your knuckles is harmless. "It's not linked to any short- or long-term damage," says James Monica, M.D., an orthopedic surgeon in Princeton, NJ. The cause of the *pop* noise? Chalk it up to the laws of physics and synovial fluid, the joint lubricant that prevents bones within a joint from scraping together. Manipulate your fingers just so and the volume of the space between the bones increases. That creates negative pressure, a mini vacuum, and the formation of gas bubbles—as well as that distinctive knuckle-cracking sound.

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...to leave on hair dye longer than the label says?

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...to burn a fake log in the fireplace?

For a crackling fire fast—without kindling or coaxing—you can go faux worry-free, says Ashley Eldridge, director of education for the Chimney Safety Institute of America. Compared to the real deal, manufactured logs are ecofriendly and easier to light. While burning, they emit fewer pollutants and particulate matter, a by-product of combustion that can irritate eyes and lungs. But with everything from sawdust to wood shavings inside, fake logs burn hotter and faster than hardwood, so treat them carefully. Use one at a time—never have a blazing stack—and don't poke or prod the log. This can trigger a rapid release of flammable material that might be too hot for a chimney to handle. "Just light the log and leave it alone," says Eldridge.

not bad at all!

...to use oil-based paint?

As they dry, oil-based paints emit high levels of volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Breathe in these VOCs and you're at short-term risk for nausea and headaches, with long-term exposure linked to liver and kidney damage. Classified as a hazardous material, oil-based paint "is going the way of the dinosaurs," says Bob Cusumano, technical adviser to the Painting and Decorating Contractors of America. If there's oil-based paint in your home that you want to cover with latex paint, sand the area thoroughly, and apply a bonding primer. Think the oil-based paint dates back to the 1970s or earlier? It might contain lead, so use extreme caution—check in with a pro for removal tips before proceeding.

really bad!



...to keep patio furniture outside all winter?

Depending on the local climate, most outdoor furniture needs to hibernate indoors till spring. That's because ice, snow, and below-freezing temps will do a number on wicker, rattan, glass, wrought iron, plastic, and softer woods. "Exposed to harsh weather, these materials can split, splinter, or crack beyond repair," says Mark Ramos, general manager at Offenbachers, a patio furniture retailer in the Baltimore, MD, area. Sturdier materials, like cedar and aluminum, can usually endure winter outdoors as long as you protect them with heavy, water-resistant covers.

sorta bad!



...to let squirrels eat from your bird feeder?

With the agility of a Cirque du Soleil acrobat and an appetite for seeds and suet, a squirrel can defeat even the most squirrelproof feeder. And that's OK, says Emma Greig, Ph.D., head of Project FeederWatch at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology in Ithaca, NY. An essential part of the wildlife ecosystem, squirrels have nut-burying habits that lead to the growth of new trees, and they're a tasty meal for birds of prey (hey, we all gotta eat).

Still, if they're scaring off feathered friends and being a nuisance, try a specialty seed mix containing capsaicin, the chemical that makes peppers hot. Birds aren't bothered by it, but squirrels may be put off by the tongue-burning flavor.

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if your *aluminum foil* could talk

It would unroll these tips on how to use it best.

I'm not tin!

Foil for cigarette and some candy packaging used to be made of tin, and the name *tin*foil stuck. But by the time household foil debuted in 1947, most foil was made of aluminum, a lighter, less expensive material.

You can recycle me.

Like aluminum cans, aluminum foil is fully recyclable. To make sure your local recycling center accepts it (some don't), check iwanttoberecycled.org. If yours does, rinse off any food, then toss the foil in your recycling bin—but keep in mind some centers prefer it flat, not crumpled in a ball.

Don't choose sides between shiny and dull.

The difference between foil's shiny and matte sides is purely aesthetic, caused during production. One exception: For nonstick foil, the better choice for cheesy and doughy foods, check the box to see which side has the slippery coating.

Surprise! I can sharpen scissors.

Foil is for more than just food. To sharpen scissors, fold a piece of foil in half twice to make four layers. Then snip the foil with the scissors a few times to clean and hone the blades.

Opt for my heavy-duty version.

Heavy-duty foil is typically at least 50 percent thicker than the standard kind, making it less likely to tear and leak—so it's worth the slightly higher price tag. Use it for everything you'd use regular foil for, from wrapping food to lining a baking dish.

Unroll me easier.

On most boxes of foil, both ends have perforated tabs, which you can push in toward the center of the box to hold the roll in place as you rip off a piece. Not many people use this handy feature, but you should.



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what's the difference

Finally! Clarification on some commonly confused household terms.



bone china VS. porcelain

Bone china, made of clay and bone ash from cows, has a translucent finish. It's usually saved for special occasions because it's delicate and often needs to be hand-washed.

Porcelain is clay fired at a high temperature, which makes fine dishware made from it more durable than others. It's often used in both everyday and special-occasion dinnerware.



bolster VS. lumbar pillow

A **bolster** is a firm pillow with a Tootsie Roll shape. It's most often spotted as a decorative pillow on a bed or as part of a pair on a daybed or a sofa.

A **lumbar pillow** is a small rectangular pillow designed to support the lower back. Put one on a chair, a sofa, or a bed to make sitting more comfortable.



range VS. stove

The term **range** refers to an appliance that combines an oven on the bottom and a cooking surface with gas, electric, or induction burners on the top.

Stove, stove top, or cooktop can describe any surface with gas, electric, or induction burners. It can stand alone on a counter or sit on top of a range.



canned pumpkin VS. pumpkin pie mix

Canned pumpkin, or pure pumpkin, has just one ingredient, pumpkin, which is cooked before it's canned. Pick this up when a recipe—pie or otherwise—calls for pumpkin.

Pumpkin pie mix has sugar and spices, like cinnamon, ginger, and cloves, added to cooked pumpkin. Use it only when a recipe calls for pie mix or filling so you don't over-spice.



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Your houseguest unexpectedly arrives with her pet. Do you ask her to take it to a kennel?

84% **16%**
No Yes

— This all depends on whether you're allergic to animals or "allergic" to the inconvenience of having a cat or dog underfoot. If you go into legit fits of sneezing and wheezing, then you're 100% justified to insist on a kennel, says Diane Gottsman, owner of The Protocol School of Texas. Otherwise grit your teeth and accommodate the furry visitor. Remember that it's OK to insist Fido or Fluffy be sequestered in a penned-in spot away from the daily bustle—especially if the pet isn't totally house-trained.

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A guest brings a bottle of wine to your dinner party. You:

80%

Serve it with the meal

20%

Save it for later

It's a shocker, but you don't have to uncork that vino. "The wine is a gift to be enjoyed later," says Diane Gottsman, of The Protocol School of Texas. Since you planned the meal—and presumably the wine pairings—your guest shouldn't be offended if you stash away their Cabernet. And don't feel strong-armed if the bottle arrives chilled. "That implies you're supposed to serve it with the meal," Gottsman says. "Ignore that implication."



Your houseguests are huge sports fans. You're not. When it comes to TV watching, you:

94%

Let your guests pick what to watch

6%

Control the remote

Hosts usually defer to their guests when it comes to controlling the remote, and that's the right call, says Maggie McAlister, who blogs at Annabel Manners. Too much nonstop ESPN for your taste? You could suggest a Netflix movie night—complete with delish snacks to turn it into more of a shared event—but don't insist.

Your host is an early riser and serves breakfast at sunrise. You:

82%

Get up early

18%

Sleep late and miss breakfast

Sorry, sleepyhead. As much as you would like to stay snuggled under the comforter, when your host is dishing up an a.m. spread, you need to follow her timetable, says Diane Gottsman, of The Protocol School of Texas. Even if your host is flipping pancakes before the rooster crows, head to breakfast with a smile. "And don't show up in your PJ's," she says. "Put on a robe or your clothes."



Your houseguests announce they'd like to do some day trips while visiting, but they didn't rent a car. Do you chauffeur them around?

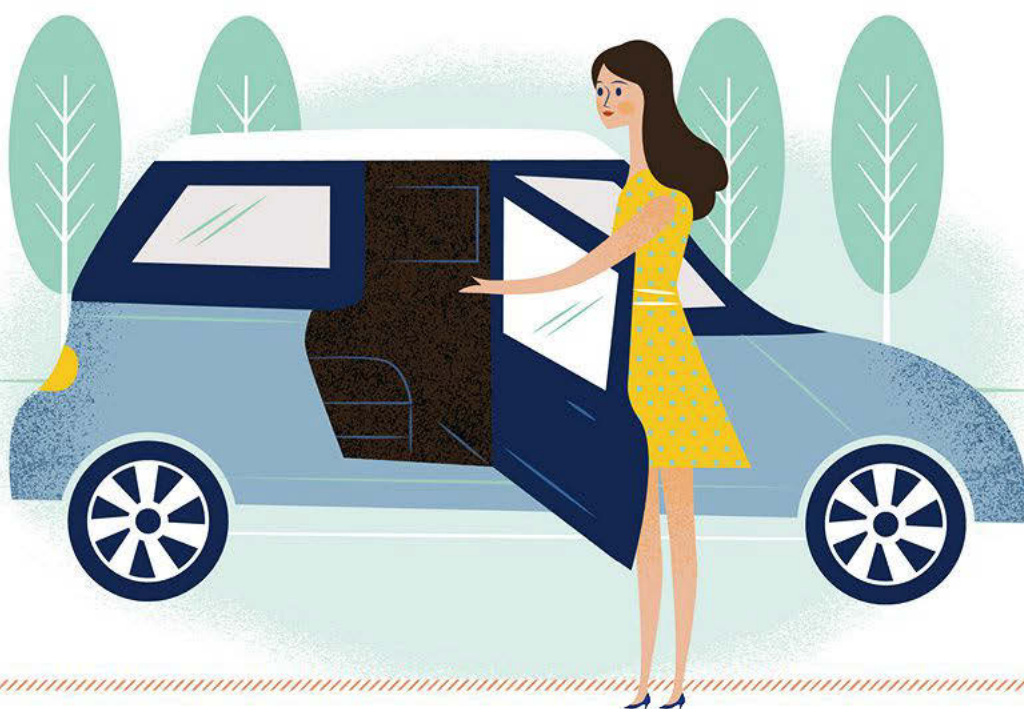
78%

Yes

22%

No

Although you might feel compelled to act as an on-demand car service, you aren't required to play chauffeur, says Elaine Swann, author of *Let Crazy Be Crazy*. She suggests you drive a few times, then let guests know that other trips are up to them. Her go-to tactic: Give guests a welcome basket that includes (hint, hint) transit info, like a train schedule or the how-to for using the Uber app.





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Your houseguests have been taking long showers and using up all the hot water. Do you tell them to speed things up?

77%
No

23%
Yes

When your guests' actions are inconveniencing everyone in the household, it's perfectly acceptable to say something, advises blogger Maggie McAlister, from Annabel Manners. The key to clueing them in without embarrassing them: Be polite and maybe fib—a little. "Say, 'We're having some challenges with our hot water heater. We probably all need to stagger our showers or take shorter ones,'" McAlister suggests. "They should get the drift."

Your host uses the same cutting board for raw meat and veggies without cleaning it in between. Do you say something?

57%
Yes

43%
No

"Safety trumps etiquette," says Daniel Post Senning, spokesperson for the Emily Post Institute, who advises stepping in if something harmful or unhealthy is happening. Be aware that things could get uncomfortable, but it's an absolute necessity if you are pregnant or have a compromised immune system.

You're an overnight guest at a friend's. At the end of your stay, you:

52%
Strip the bed

46%
Make the bed

2%
Leave the bed
unmade

"The traditional answer is that you would strip the sheets and leave them loosely folded at the end of the bed," says Daniel Post Senning, from the Emily Post Institute. Since etiquette rules are more relaxed now, he suggests simply asking the host her preference and following through. But whatever you do, don't leave the bed unmade.

You've been hosting houseguests for a week, and you all go out to dinner on the last night of their stay. You:

40%
Pick up the tab

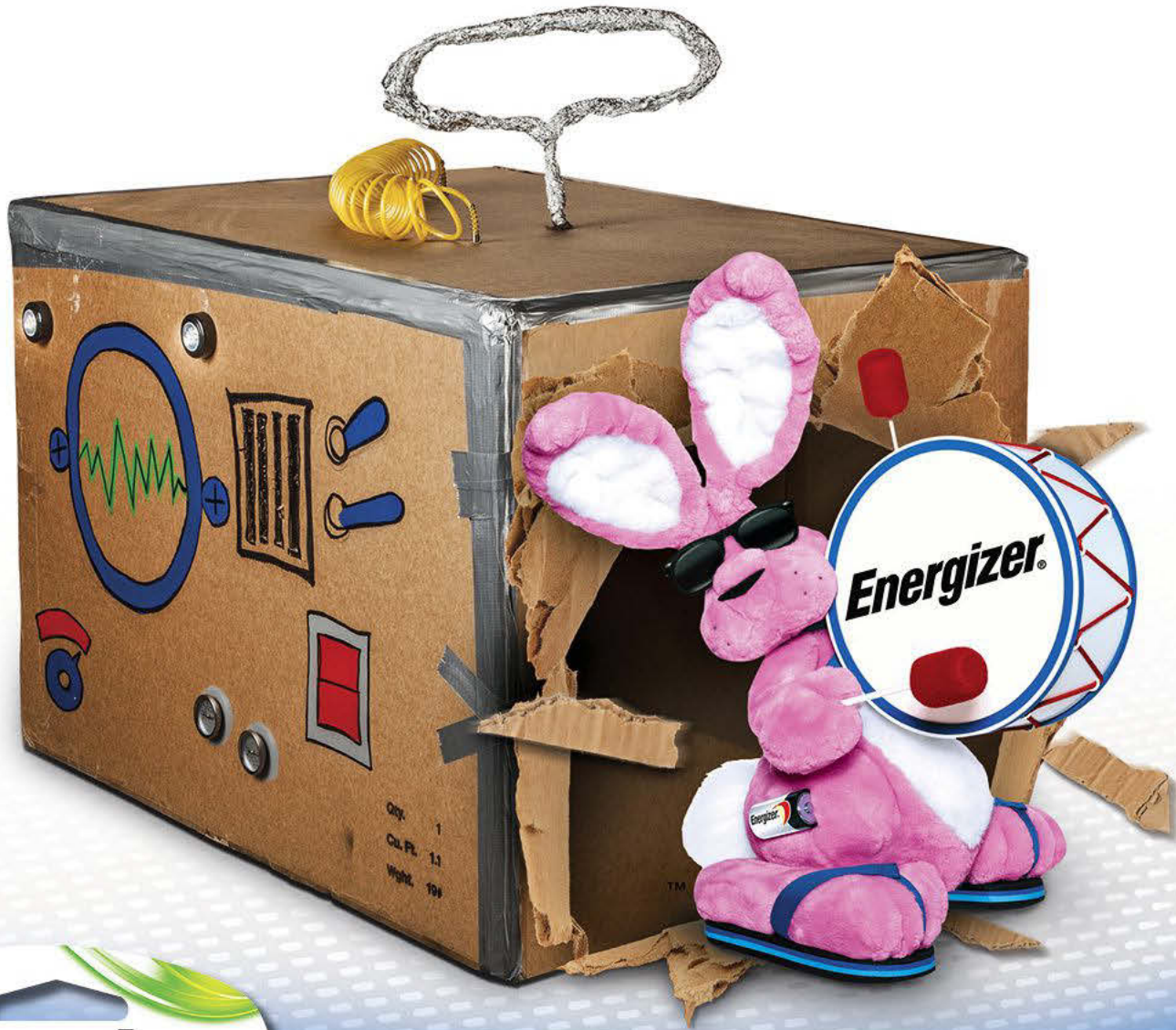
34%
Split the check

26%
Expect the
guests to pay

While this kind of confusion is better settled when the reservation is made rather than when the bill arrives, "don't expect the guests to pay," says Patricia Napier-Fitzpatrick, founder and president of The Etiquette School of New York. That said, thoughtful guests will treat their host to dinner at least one night during their stay or pick up a grocery tab and offer to cook dinner.



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Your houseguest doesn't make her bed, and you like a tidy house. You:

62%

Leave it unmade

37%

Make it for her

1%

Ask her to make it

Close the bedroom door and stay out, advises Elaine Swann, author of *Let Crazy Be Crazy*. You're not her parent—or her personal maid—so you shouldn't be going in and tidying. While it may pain you to see a rumpled bed, clothes strewn about, or water glasses on the nightstand, graciously practice willful blindness. "Once you give a guest a room, that becomes their private space," Swann says. "Leave it—and your guest—alone."

Your dinner guest announces she's now a vegetarian—and you're serving chicken. Do you quickly prepare her a separate meatless meal?

52% **48%**

Yes

No

Since you're not a short-order cook, there's no obligation for you to whip up another entrée, says Patricia Napier-Fitzpatrick, from The Etiquette School of New York. Still, you don't want a guest to go hungry, so you could pull together a fast, no-fuss vegetarian side dish if one isn't already on the menu. As a guest, "let your host know well ahead of time if you have food restrictions or allergies," she says, preferably when you RSVP, not at the dinner table minutes before the meal.

You bring a dish to a potluck dinner party. You:

92%

Leave the leftovers for your host

8%

Ask to take the leftovers home with you

Always leave the leftovers—and consider leaving the serving dish, too, says blogger Maggie McAlister, from *Annabel Manners*. Transport your food in a cheapie dish you don't want returned or go high-end and gift the dish to the host. Otherwise label the bottom of the serving dish with your contact info, then follow up about retrieval the week after.



You write a thank-you to your host after a visit. You send:

72%

A handwritten note

15%

A text

13%

An email

While any thank-you is appreciated, the medium is part of the message, according to Daniel Post Senning, from the Emily Post Institute. "A text might be more immediate and personal, but a handwritten note will lend your gratitude the weight it deserves," he says. His suggestion: Shoot a thank-you text right after the visit, followed by a handwritten note within three days.



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impatient pink

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—Avery Roberts,
homeowner, Raleigh, NC

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night tide

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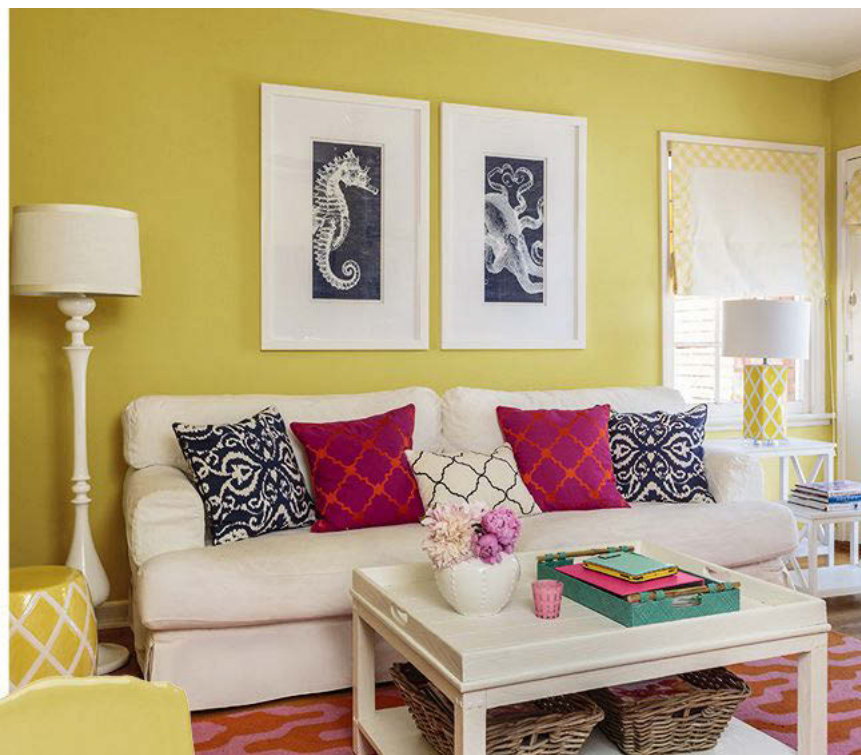
—Kate Riley, Centsational Girl, Petaluma, CA

mint sprig

BY GLIDDEN

"Believe it or not, this refreshing mint is actually a goes-with-everything neutral. It complements a ton of different colors and finishes, which is why it's so perfect for a gallery wall. I used it in my foyer, where it announces my home's colorful personality."

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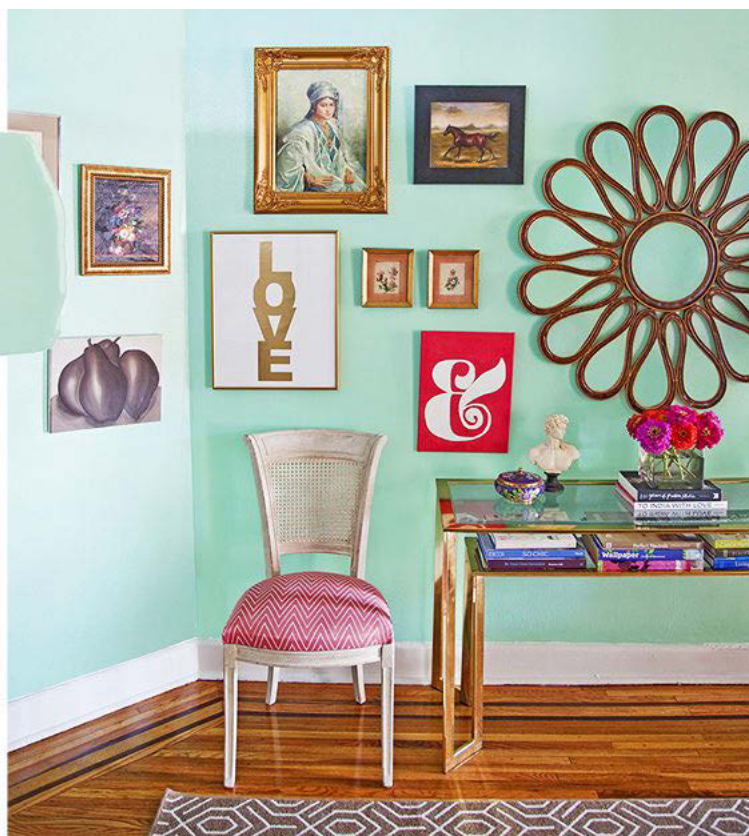


waffle cone

BY DUNN-EDWARDS

"Yellow is my favorite color, but it can easily look like it belongs in a nursery. Not this one. Falling somewhere between marigold and mustard, it's sophisticated and upbeat, and it cranks up the happy in my family room."

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—Erin Iba, Iba Design Associates, Denver, CO



fire island

BY BEHR

"What's better in a kitchen than a color that looks delicious enough to eat? Painting the corner cabinets and drawers bold orange livened up this otherwise neutral space."

—Gioi Tran, Applegate Tran Interiors, San Francisco, CA



raspberry pink

BY GLIDDEN

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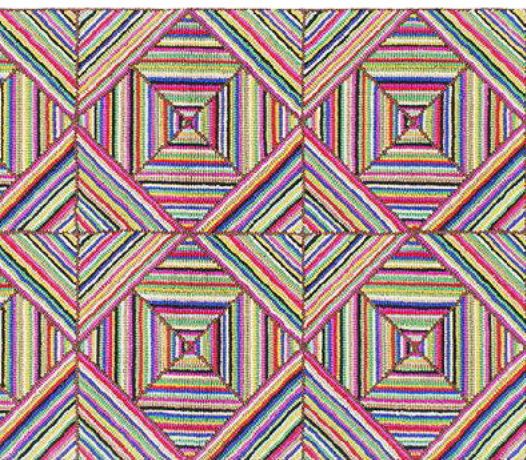
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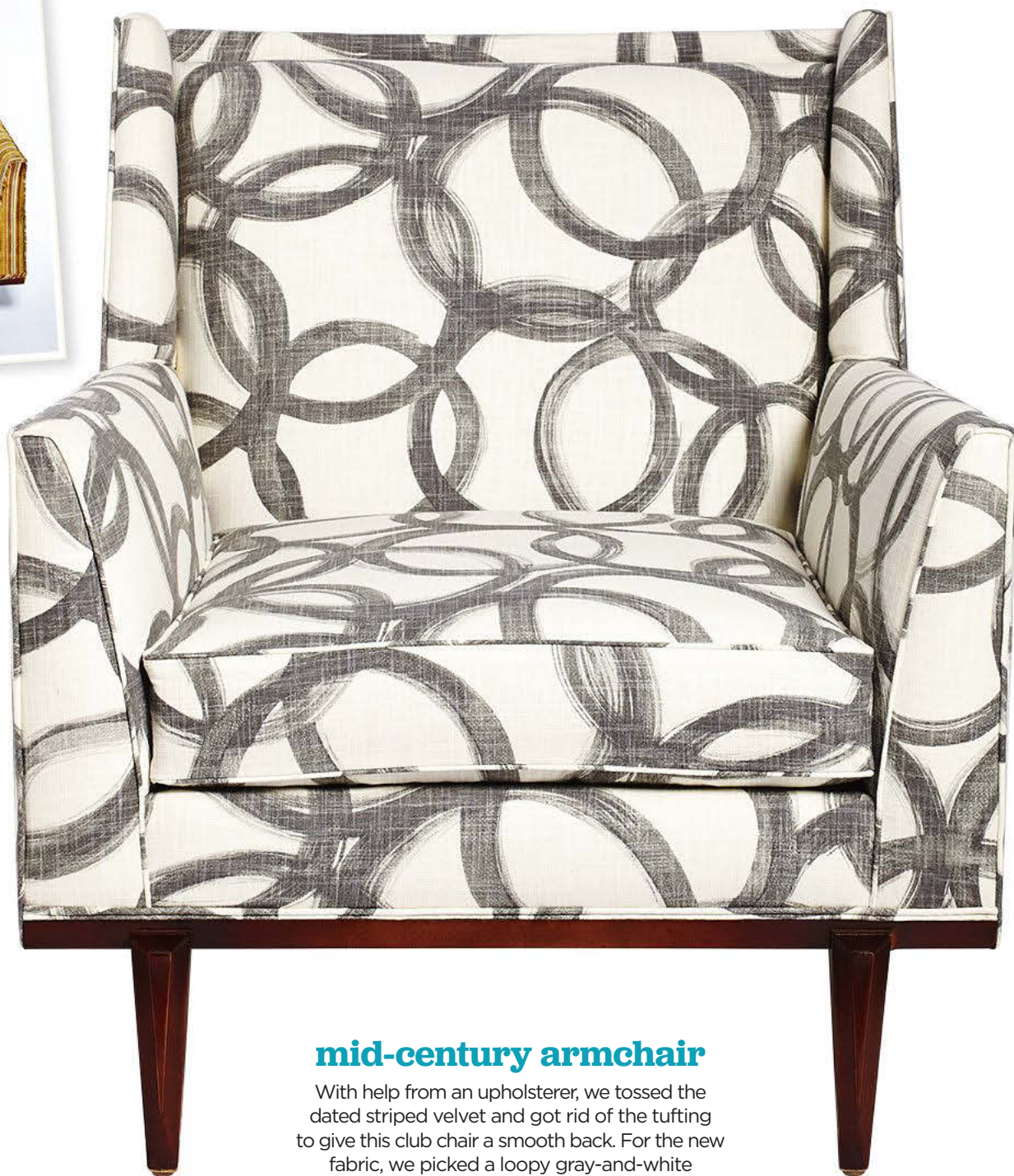


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before



mid-century armchair

With help from an upholsterer, we tossed the dated striped velvet and got rid of the tufting to give this club chair a smooth back. For the new fabric, we picked a loopy gray-and-white cotton—a fun contrast to the chair's square shape.

FABRIC Brushstrokes cotton upholstery fabric in gray/ivory, \$30 per yard, westelm.com

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before



skirted swivel chair

It's not just the citron starburst fabric that turned this chair around: Check out the new T-shaped back cushion and the tailored skirt that begins right below the seat cushion. They both add up to an unrecognizable "after"!

FABRIC Jonathan Adler for Kravet Super Nova linen fabric in spring, \$69.50 per yard, insidefabric.com

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two-toned occasional chair

Our old seat cushion was pancake-thin, so we had a new 2½-inch-thick cushion made from foam wrapped in batting. Two complementary coral fabrics and painted snowy white legs look modern. Now the chair is proud as a peacock!

CHAIR FABRIC Feathers cotton fabric in bittersweet/slub, \$12 per yard, premierprintsinc.com

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before



graphic desk chair

For this wheeled number, the ripped vinyl was ripped off and replaced with a bold-patterned cotton. The upholsterer fluffed it up with extra batting, and we polished the chrome base with a soft, damp cloth. Now it's ready to roll.

FABRIC HGTV HOME Turtle Shell cotton home decor fabric in lapis, \$35 per yard, joann.com



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Did you buy more paint than you need, or did someone else leave old paint behind? Almost everyone has a few gallons of leftover paint sitting around. What are you supposed to do with it?

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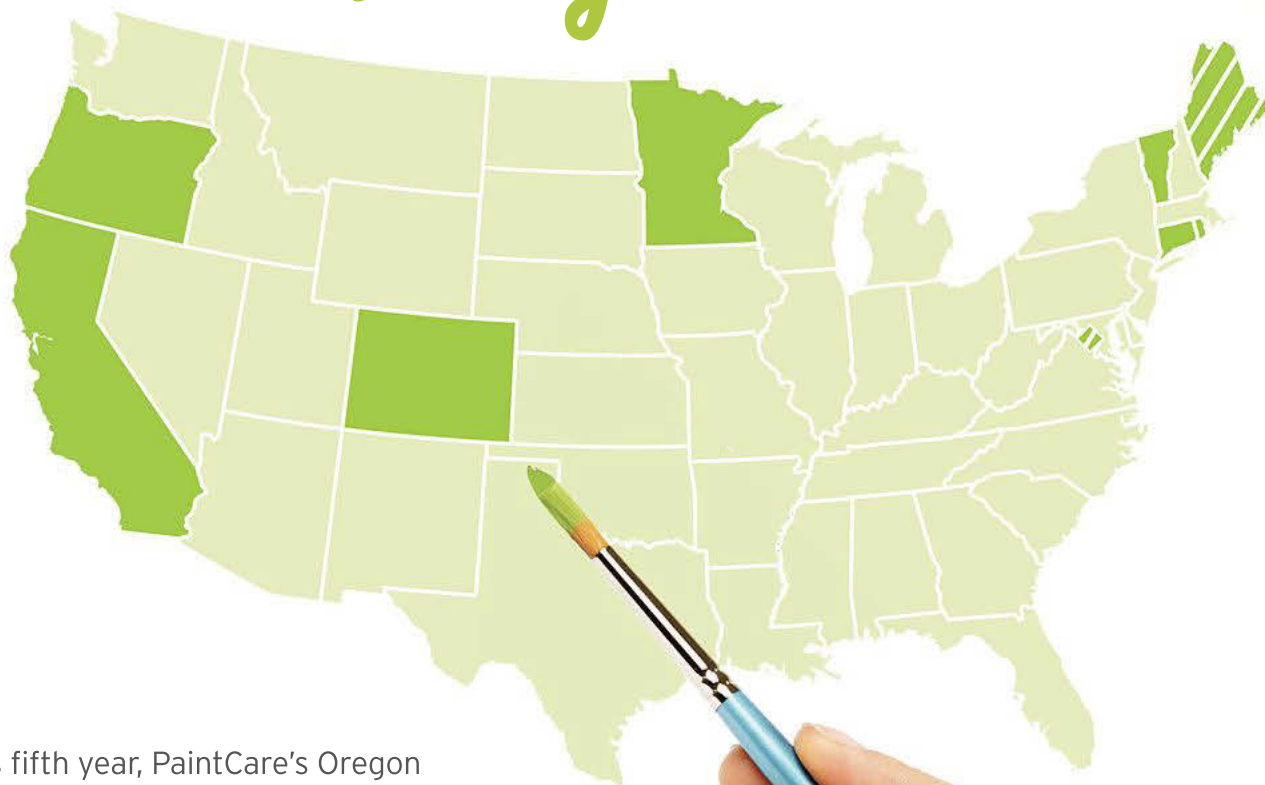
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striped dining chair

We hardly wanted to sit on the original, let alone dine on it! For a delicious new look, we painted the frame high-gloss black, then upholstered the seat and the back in candy-striped fabric with a double welt around both.

FABRIC Sandia 72 cotton fabric, \$68 per yard, lestoliesdusoleilnyc.com
PAINT Tricorn Black by Sherwin-Williams

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zigzag wing chair

Ditching the pleated skirt took 50 years off this old wingback! After covering it in zippy blue-and-white fabric, the upholsterer added bright yellow piping and painted the legs to match.

FABRIC Bali cotton fabric in navy, \$38 per yard, lacefielddesigns.com **WELT FABRIC** Kravet 27990-40 acrylic outdoor upholstery fabric, \$70 per yard, decoratorsbest.com **PAINT** Solar Energy by Behr

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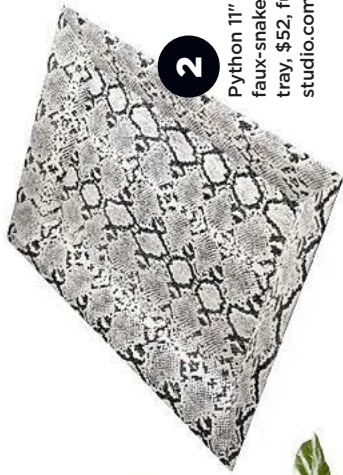


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Rolly leather chair, \$799, homeware.com

2

python-patterned tray



2

Python 11" x 17" faux-snakeskin tray, \$52, furbishstudio.com

3

parsons desk



3

Mainstays 39½"W x 19¾"D x 30"H laminated composite wood desk in white, \$49, walmart.com

4

seagrass basket and a fiddle-leaf fig



4

Beachcomber 23"H x 21"-diameter seagrass basket, \$129, potterybarn.com

5

tripod floor lamp



5

Tripod 61"-tall wood lamp with shade, \$399, circaighting.com

6

bone-inlay frame



6

4" x 6" bone-inlay frame, \$10, HomeGoods stores

7

curvy outdoor bench



7

Lutyens 61½"W x 24"D x 38"H cast-aluminum bench in brushed red, \$539, thebenchfactory.com

8

moroccan pouf



8

20"-diameter faux-leather pouf in gold, \$159, bazaar.morocco.com

9

quatrefoil mirror



9

Capital Lighting 33 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 33 $\frac{3}{4}$ " metal mirror, \$400, allmodern.com

10

distressed pedestal table

11

wood and metal étagère



11

Monacco 35 $\frac{1}{2}$ "W x 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ "D x 70"H wood and iron étagère, \$645, blisshomeanddesign.com

12

clear glass lamp



12

Kenroy Home Boda 29"-tall glass lamp with shade, \$90, homedepot.com

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bamboo-shaped flatware



10

French Urn 30"H x 48"-diameter oak table in distressed finish, \$1,795, rh.com

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ceramic garden stool

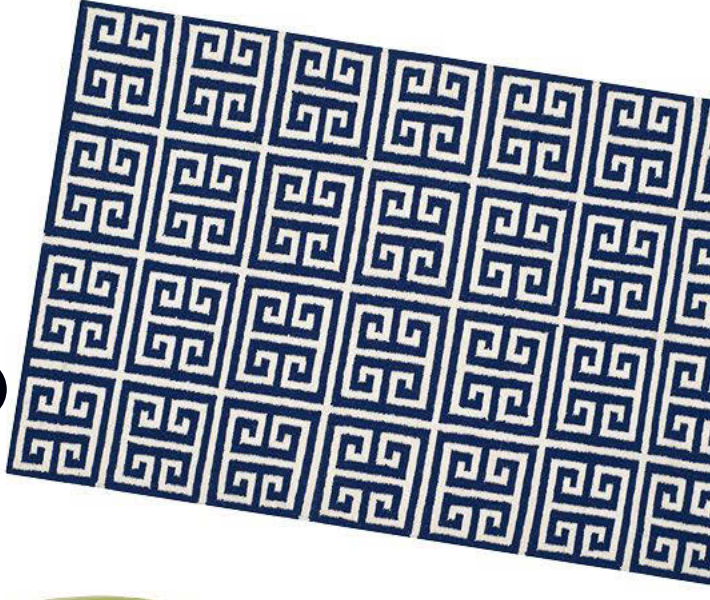


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Hampton Forge Signature Bamboo stainless steel flatware, \$60 for a 20-piece set, kohls.com

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greek key-patterned rug

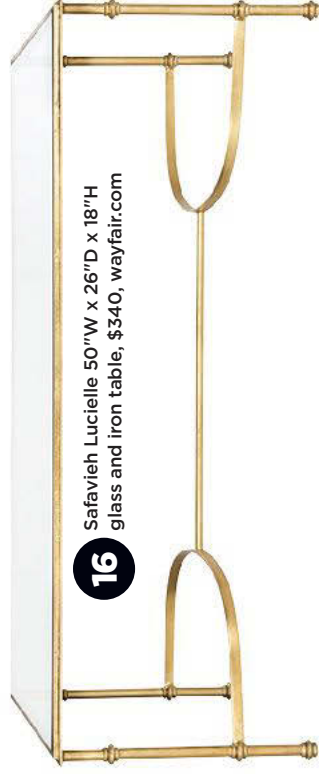


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DHU626D 5' x 8' wool rug, \$399, rugstudio.com

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glass and metal coffee table



16

Safavieh Lucielle 50"W x 26"D x 18"H glass and iron table, \$340, wayfair.com

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rattan bistro chair



Terrace 28"W x 14"D x 31 3/4"H metal and glass bar cart in antique brass finish, \$399, westelm.com



tinted glass tumblers

19 Fleur-de-Lys 6-ounce glasses, \$8 each, anthropologie.com

block-letter monogram



mercury glass knob

21 2"-diameter mercury glass knob, \$8, anthropologie.com



woven african basket

Personalized Turkish cotton hand towel in white with insignia in apple green roman font, \$28, markandgraham.com



23

Hexagon 6 1/2" x 6" brass door knocker in polished nickel finish, \$85, rejuvenation.com

Elle 10"W x 4 1/2"D x 2 1/2"H lacquered wood box in turquoise, \$80, swingdesign.com

24



17"H x 14 1/2"-diameter millet grass and plastic hamper in aqua herringbone, \$110, connectedgoods.com

22



curved upholstered headboard

25

Camden queen headboard with nailheads in twill off-white, \$449, ballarddesigns.com

lacquered box

26

Industrial 33"-tall iron lamp in teal, \$99, westelm.com

26

swing-arm
desk lamp

28

bright
plaid throw

Kohler Memoirs 34 $\frac{3}{4}$ "-tall
fireclay sink in white,
\$380, lowes.com

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1920s-style
pedestal sink

27 Circus 56" x 72" lambswool
throw, \$130, avoca.com



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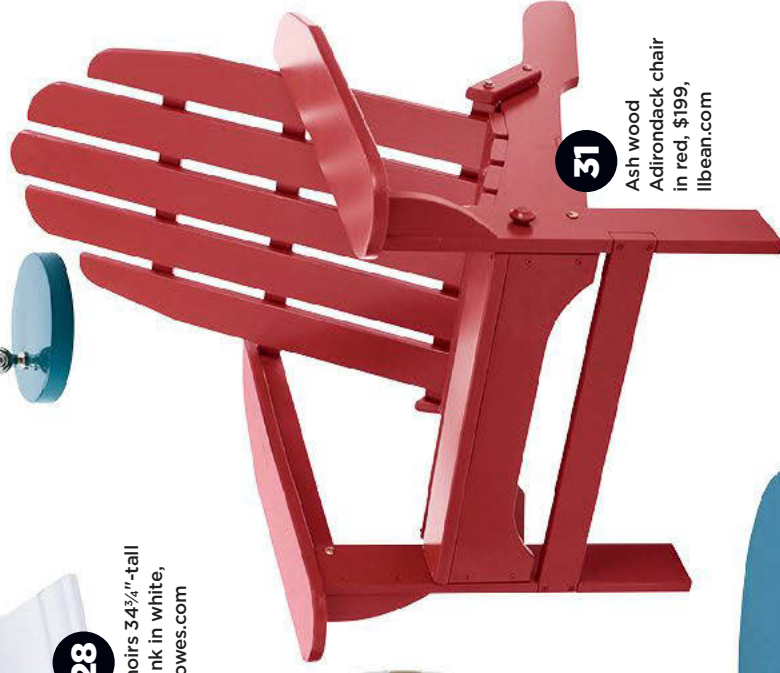
Kate Spade New York Pearl
Place 6"H x 6"-diameter
glass vase, \$75, macys.com



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Austin 12"H x 8"-diameter
aluminum sconce in
galvanized finish, \$109,
barnlightelectric.com

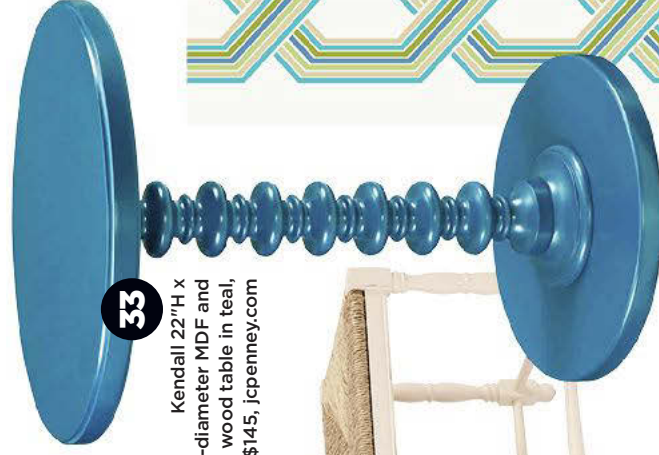
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glass
rose bowl

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Ash wood
Adirondack chair
in red, \$199,
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adirondack
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Kendall 22"H x
17"-diameter MDF and
wood table in teal,
\$145, jcpenny.com

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woven
rush-top
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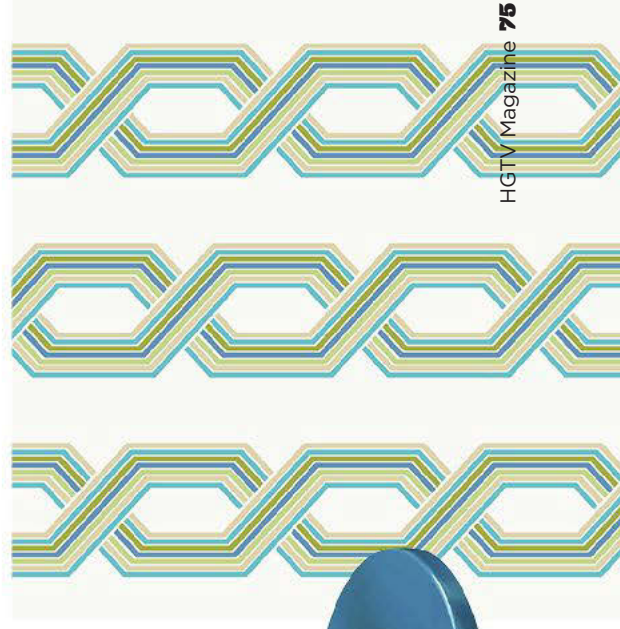
32 Dorchester 54 $\frac{1}{2}$ "W x 18"D x 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ "H
rush and beech bench in rubbed
white, \$259, ballarddesigns.com



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bobbin
side table

34

chain link-
patterned
wallpaper

34 Ashford House Retro Links
wallpaper in green, \$40 for a single
roll, yorkwall.com for stores

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35

linen
chesterfield
sofa



35

pagoda-style
lantern



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Capital Lighting
Stanton 29" x 16 3/4"
steel pendant in
brushed nickel finish,
\$284, build.com

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bentwood
dining chair



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Brasserie bentwood
chair in black, \$295,
serenaandlily.com

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colorful
salt and
pepper mills

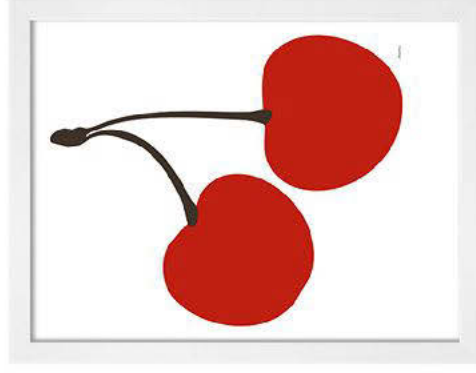


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Le Creuset 8 1/4"-tall ceramic and
stainless steel salt and pepper
mills in Caribbean, \$65 for a
set of 2, williams-sonoma.com

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fruit art for
the kitchen



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Cherry by
Avalisa
20 1/4" x 26 1/4"
framed print
in Soho white,
\$125, art.com

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a-to-z
bookends



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Type Print 6"W x
4 1/2"D x 7 3/4"H MDF
bookends, \$40,
dotandbo.com

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glossy white
planter and
a fern



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Algreen Products
Modena
8 3/4"W x 8 3/4"D
x 16 1/4"H resin
planter in gloss
white, \$59,
atgstores.com

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navy-and-
white
striped rug

42 Jaipur Pura Vida Dias 5' x 8'
wool rug, \$297, houzz.com



43

**dotty + solid
pillow combo**



Caravan 16" x 16"
cotton pillow in
lime green, \$20,
pillowdecor.com

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**orb
chandelier**



Eclipse 27½"H x
22"-diameter steel
chandelier in English
bronze finish, \$439,
zgallerie.com

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**upholstered
x-bench**



Safavieh Palmer 21½"W x
21½"D x 19"H cotton-blend
X-bench in orange, \$200,
bedbathandbeyond.com

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**gourd
vase**



Emissary 15"-tall
ceramic vase in
bright orange, \$75,
burkedecor.com

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**sunburst
mirror**



Rayos Sunburst
36"-diameter wood and
iron mirror in antique
brass finish, \$227,
safaviehhome.com

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**campaign
dresser**



Campaign 36"W x 19"D x 32¾"H wood
dresser in white, \$699, landofnod.com

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**ikat
slipper chair**



Skyline Furniture polyester
chair in diamonds blue
ikat, \$480, wayfair.com

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TUBES 7"- to 10"-tall birch bark tubes, \$14.50 each, save-on-crafts.com **MOSS** SuperMoss preserved sheet moss, \$11 for 8 ounces, jamaligarden.com **CORD** Bead Landing Latigo Lace $\frac{3}{16}$ "-wide leather cording in chocolate, \$8 for 3 yards, michaels.com

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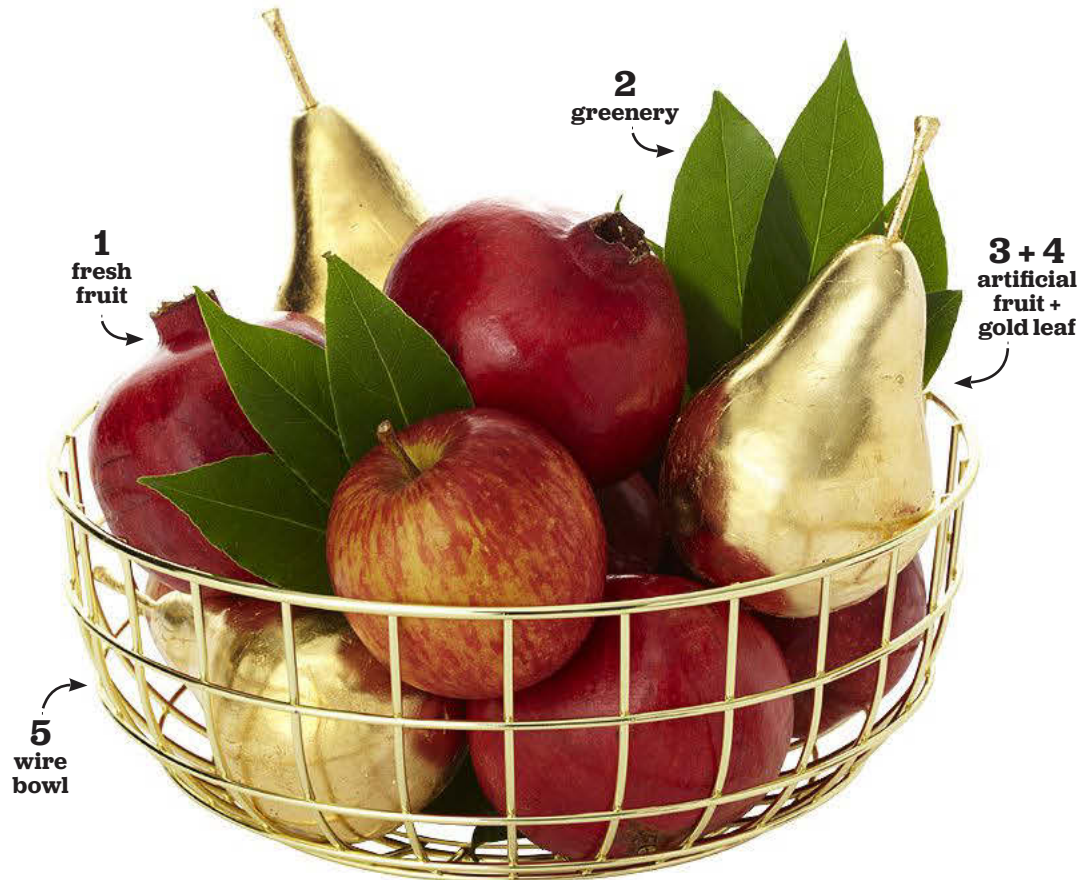
NAPKIN Caspari Blue and White China 3-ply luncheon napkins, \$6 for a set of 20, paperstyle.com **VASE** 5"W x 5"D x 12"H ceramic vase in gloss white, \$12, jamaligarden.com



gilded fruit

Apply gold leaf to a few artificial pears following the package instructions. Spray the pears with an acrylic sealer made for gold leaf, and let dry. Fill a gold wire bowl with the pears as well as real pomegranates, apples, and greenery (we used bay leaves).

GOLD LEAF Gold Leaf Starter Kit, \$14, joann.com **BOWL** Norm Architects Wire 4"H x 10"-diameter brass-plated-steel bowl, \$50, menudesignshop.com



dipped candles

Melt a chunk of paraffin wax following the package instructions. Add one or two unwrapped crayons to the wax to tint it the color you want. Carefully pour the wax into an empty can, and dip the bottom of a candle into it. Let the excess wax drip off, then let the candle dry on wax paper. Repeat with more candles, using different-color crayons, then group the candles on a serving board.

WAX ArtMinds paraffin wax, \$5 for 1 pound, michaels.com **CANDLES** Pillar candles in assorted sizes in white, from \$5 each, potterybarn.com **SERVING BOARD** Notch 26"W x 8"D x 1"H acacia server, \$30, cb2.com



time to DIY



grouped gourds

Cut off the tops of three butternut squash at varying heights. Spoon out the insides to create vases. Fill each squash with water, then add flowers, berries, and greenery (we used dahlias, Hypericum berries, and dill flowers). Arrange them on a cake stand.

CAKE STAND Cambria 5½"H x 12½"-diameter stoneware cake stand in persimmon, \$44.50, potterybarn.com

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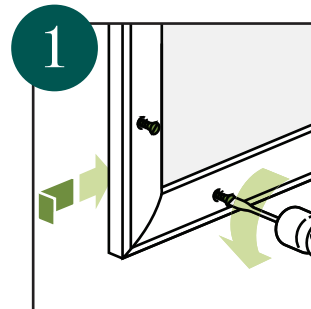
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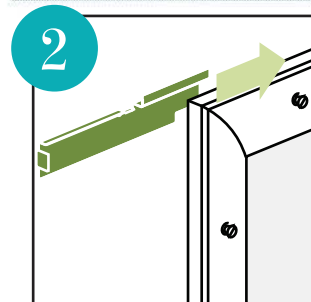
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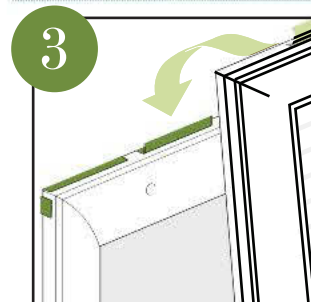
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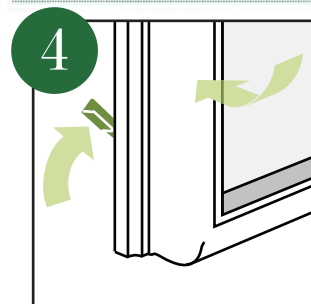
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cool tape!

Add these crafty tapes to your arsenal of DIY supplies.



↑ washi tape

GOOD FOR: Gussying up wrapped gifts, stationery, and furniture (like a dresser), and temporarily hanging paper on walls—it doesn't leave residue.

BAD FOR: Affixing one material to another, unless it's paper to paper. Because the tape isn't very sticky, it's more of a decoration than an adhesive.

DID YOU KNOW? You can find washi tape that's almost 8 inches wide!

Above: 0.6"-wide washi tape in square pink, \$4, mt-tape.us



↑ delicate-surface painter's tape

GOOD FOR: Masking off surfaces that are already painted or wallpapered.

BAD FOR: Rough materials like brick and never-been-painted surfaces. (Use regular painter's tape for those.)

DID YOU KNOW? This tape can be used on freshly painted walls and furniture even when the paint is still a little tacky.

Above: FrogTape 0.94"-wide delicate surface painter's tape, \$7, shurtechstore.com



↑ electrical tape

GOOD FOR: Decorating walls, wrapping wires for a pop of color, and taping off spherical surfaces before painting them. Slightly stretch the tape as you apply it and it will adhere better.

BAD FOR: Cardboard, paper, and rough or dirty surfaces.

DID YOU KNOW? Electrical tape comes in colors beyond basic black, including red, pink, blue, yellow, and purple.

Above: Scotch 0.75"-wide vinyl electrical tape in violet, \$4, homedepot.com



↑ duct tape

GOOD FOR: Decorating paper and hard surfaces such as ceramic and plastic. You can also stick it to itself to make things like bags, pouches, and faux flowers.

BAD FOR: Anything that will get very hot (above 200°F). Also, it is super sticky and can leave residue on fabric.

DID YOU KNOW? Duct tape comes in hundreds of colors and patterns. It's also available in narrow 3/4-inch-wide rolls and in paper-size sheets.

Above: Duck 1.88"-wide duct tape in zigzag, \$5.50, shurtechstore.com



↑ heavy-duty double-sided tape

GOOD FOR: Affixing photos to mat board before framing, hanging posters, and invisibly adhering materials.

BAD FOR: Any project where the tape would be exposed, as it could collect dirt since it's sticky on both sides.

DID YOU KNOW? An ultra-skinny version of this tape can stand in for glue—it precisely adheres materials like beads and glitter.

Above: Aleene's 0.25"-wide double-sided tacky tape, \$10.50, amazon.com



↑ chalkboard tape

GOOD FOR: Making labels and decorating walls and items like picture frames—it's basically chalkboard paint without the commitment.

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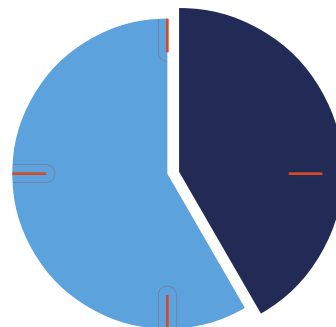
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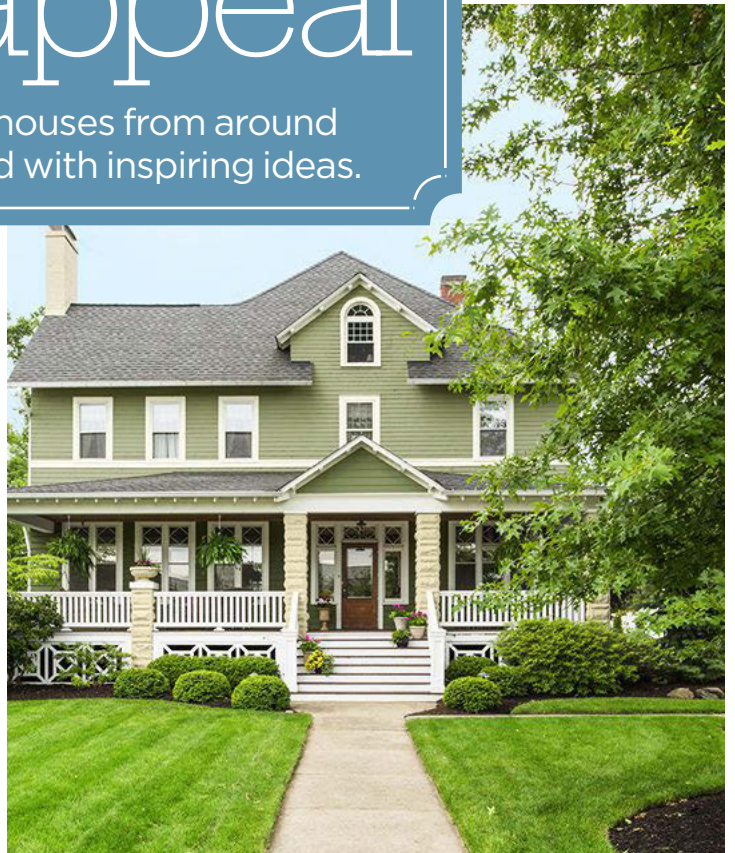
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copy the curb appeal

These eye-catching houses from around the country are loaded with inspiring ideas.



Dallas, Texas

BUILT IN: 1926 **BOUGHT IN:** 2012 **SIZE:** 2,012 sq. ft.

"When we moved to this area, we didn't want a cookie-cutter suburban house, and this home, with its interesting H-shaped layout, delivered. The landscaping was one of the few things we changed."

—Ann and John Damele, homeowners



ideas to steal



light fixtures

With three walls around it, the patio needs more than one light. A trio of intricate lanterns does the trick.

Designers Fountain Amherst Dark Sky 13 1/4"H x 3 3/4"-diameter cast-aluminum outdoor wall lantern, \$73.50, homeclick.com



flower beds

The cheerful yard features (clockwise from top left) orange marigolds, yellow zinnias, and pink and red periwinkles.

Whitecraft Boca chair in natural with cushion in Sunbrella couture papyrus, from \$967, woodard-furniture.com for stores



wicker chairs

The Dameles' deep porch can accommodate two substantial chairs and still has room for flowers.



front door

Ann and John added a new front door, which they stained and sealed. This one is pre-sealed with a clear finish and ready to install.

5661-A ARP knotty alder door, from \$975, roguevalleydoor.com for stores

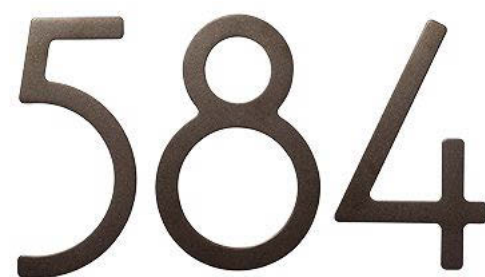
A pair of chimneys adds height to the facade and emphasizes the home's perfect symmetry.



doormat

Made from rubber and coir, this vine-patterned mat looks pretty—and can withstand heavy foot traffic.

Home & More Vine Leaves doormat, \$32, allmodern.com



house numbers

Slim, streamlined digits add a modern note to the 1920s home.

Ginger Finley for HouseArt 5"-tall stainless steel house numbers in dark bronze finish, \$28 each, lumens.com



urns

Fast-growing mandevilla plants fill the urns flanking the front door.

Lucas 23"H x 17 1/4"-diameter crushed stone and resin outdoor urn in aged charcoal, \$99, grandinroad.com

paint colors

HOUSE:
Lover's Hideaway
by Kelly-Moore

BROWN TRIM:
Cannon Ball
by Kelly-Moore

WHITE TRIM:
Whitest White
by Kelly-Moore



door handle

Its dark finish pops against the wood door's natural hue.

Austin single-cylinder metal handleset with lever in Venetian bronze finish, \$134, kwikset.com for stores



Montclair, New Jersey

BUILT IN: 1893 **BOUGHT IN:** 1994 **SIZE:** 1,800 sq. ft.

"People tell us our house looks like it belongs at the beach. We hope that means it seems inviting and comfortable. In a town filled with large Victorians, it proves smaller homes can be beautiful too."

—Eileen Sweeny and Jay Beckner, homeowners

ideas to steal

**potted plants**

Yellow and red celosia grow tall in pots at the bottom of the steps.

Grosfillex 19 1/4"H x 23 1/4"-diameter resin outdoor planter in sand, \$30, lowes.com

paint colors

HOUSE:
Wasabi by
Benjamin Moore

FRONT DOOR:
Chambour by
Benjamin Moore

TRIM AND
SHUTTERS:
Frostine by
Benjamin Moore

**doormat**

What's friendlier than a doormat that greets you up front? This one is made from ultra-durable polypropylene.

Waterhog Simple Hello doormat in yellow, \$40, brookstone.com

**front door**

Eileen painted the wood door deep purple to complement the siding's citron hue, which shifts from yellow to green depending on the time of day.

Craftsman fir grain fiberglass door, from \$1,400, clopay.com for stores; paint: Chambour by Benjamin Moore

The balcony adds charm like a dormer would but on a larger scale.



Achla Designs Fretwork eucalyptus and polyurethane bench in white, \$315, homeclick.com

**light fixture**

Its elongated shape doesn't overpower the narrow portico.

Townhouse 23"H x 9 1/4"-diameter cast-aluminum outdoor hanging pendant in black, \$130.50, kichler.com for stores

**landscaping**

The couple chose low-maintenance bushes and flowers, including (clockwise from top) a barberry bush, lambs' ears, and purple coneflowers.

**doorbell**

The couple's house has its original bell, but you can buy a new one with a similar antique look.

Round beaded doorbell in antique brass finish, \$10, restorationhardware.com



Pillow Perfect Full Bloom 18 1/2" x 18 1/2" polyester pillows, \$42 for a set of 2, overstock.com

bench and pillow

Since Eileen and Jay don't have a big porch, they placed a bench on the grass to the right of the door.



**Minneapolis,
Minnesota**

BUILT IN: 1930

BOUGHT IN: 1998

SIZE: 5,500 sq. ft.

"We fell in love with this Colonial's storybook look. It may not have a formal front porch, but it has great stone steps, where we love to hang out with our two Labradors."

—Dana and Scot Malloy, homeowners

ideas to steal



flower beds

Raised beds on both sides of the door feature (clockwise from top) orange and yellow daylilies, Annabelle hydrangeas, black-eyed Susan, and coralbells.

The slate roof is outfitted with 4-inch guards to stop snow from avalanching off it in the winter.



shutters

Each wood shutter has a cutout of a small anchor for a seafaring vibe.

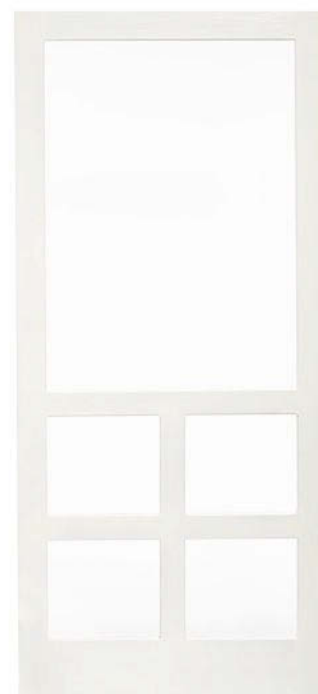
Custom cedar shutters in Colonial times with anchor cutouts, from \$400 for 2, timberlane.com for buying info



front doors

When the Malloys moved in, the main front door was green. They stripped away the paint and stained the wood to emphasize the grain. A simple white storm door matches the house and trim color.

Custom Raised 6-Panel Square-Top wood door in cherry, from \$2,098, woodportdoors.com for stores; CS-09T pine storm door, from \$415, victorianeast.com for buying info; paint: Extra White by Sherwin-Williams



door knocker

As a nod to Scot's time as a naval officer, the Malloys swapped their basic knocker for an anchor-shaped one.

Anchor 7½"-tall brass knocker, \$59, potterybarn.com



paint colors

HOUSE AND TRIM:
Extra White by
Sherwin-Williams

SHUTTERS:
Blue Nocturne by
Fine Paints of Europe



american flag

Bright white siding lets the Stars and Stripes shine.

Valley Forge Economy 3' x 5' polycotton flag set, \$16, acehardware.com

lemon trees

Two small Meyer lemon trees (which bloom in late spring) grow in square planters and add fragrance by the front door.

Lattice 19½"W x 19½"D x 20"H cast-aluminum planter in black, \$179, briansfurniture.com





Cleveland, Ohio

BUILT IN: 1908 **BOUGHT IN:** 2005 **SIZE:** 3,500 sq. ft.

"We admired this local gem for years before we had the chance to buy it. It's walking distance from Lake Erie, so every summer it feels like a vacation house—but one that we never have to leave."

—Maureen and Brian Powers, homeowners



ferns

To keep their Boston ferns alive year after year, Maureen and Brian bring them inside every winter.

Basket Weave 17"H x 23"-diameter cast-stone garden planter in white moss, \$168, wellappointedhouse.com



potted plants

A mix of containers—each with its own plant combo—dots the front steps. Sweet potato vine and pink geraniums (above) grow in stonelike pots, while (below, clockwise from top) yellow begonias, yellow calibrachoa, and white lobularia burst from glazed blue pots.



Griffith Creek Designs Seine 7½"H x 15¾"-diameter clay planter in royal blue, \$40, wayfair.com

ideas to steal



front door

The door's large glass inset mimics the shape of the windows along the porch. A clear finish shows off the wood's rich color.

MAI Doors DT-20 mahogany door in saddle, from \$930, doors4home.com



doormat

This mat's many shades of green pick up the colors of the house and yard.

Green Garden coir doormat, \$28, bambeco.com

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light fixture

Its bronze finish plays up the warm tones of the door.

Kichler Kirkwood 18"-tall cast-aluminum outdoor hanging pendant in tannery bronze, \$198, build.com

Painted taupe, the wide sandstone columns look uniform and still have texture.

doorbell

One trimmed with intricate metalwork is perfectly suited to the 100-year-old home.

Crest burnished brass doorbell button with LED light, \$27.50, lampsplus.com



paint colors

HOUSE (FIRST STORY): Artichoke by Sherwin-Williams

HOUSE (SECOND STORY): Clary Sage by Sherwin-Williams

TRIM: Dover White by Sherwin-Williams

COLUMNS: Downing Sand by Sherwin-Williams



door handle

The Powers' is original, but a new knob in an antique bronze finish offers a similar feel.

Nashville entrance trim set in Venetian bronze finish, \$495, baldwinhardware.com for stores

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house tours

Painted taupe, a nonworking rock fireplace sets a rustic tone in the dining room. A distressed World Market table with a fringed throw for a tablecloth continues the down-home feel.



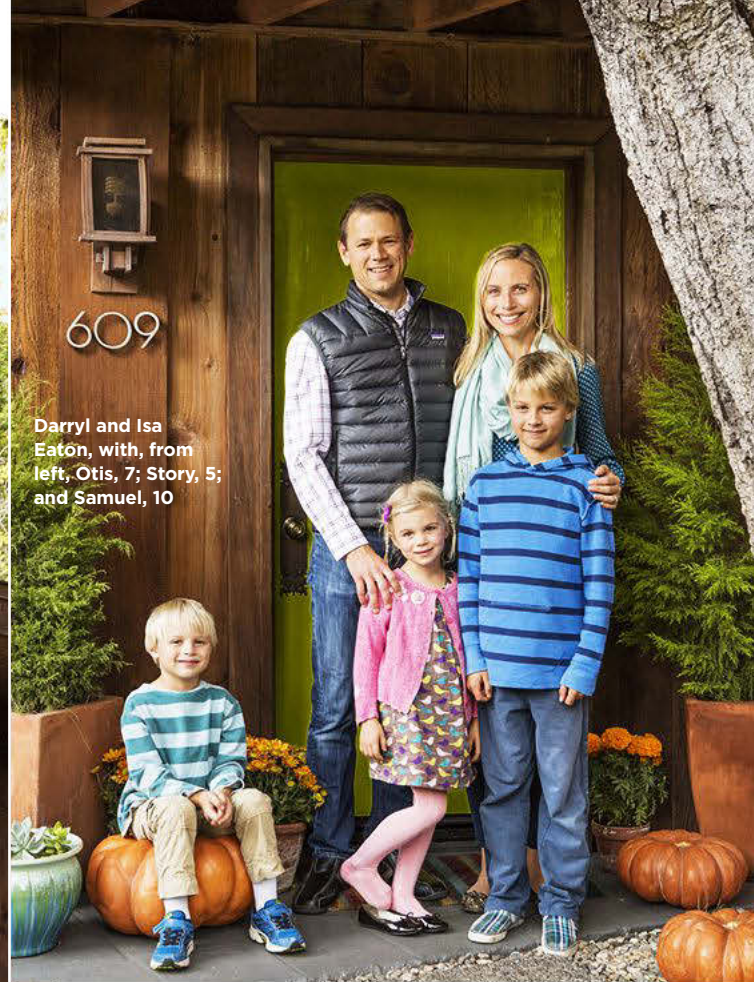
Surrounded by trees and filled with color, this home is the definition of cozy.

exterior

Tall oak trees shade the 1950s post-and-beam house, which is clad in old-growth redwood. For hits of color, Isa hung metal barn stars spray-painted blue (Lagoon by Rust-Oleum) on the balcony, and painted the front door tart lime (Eccentric Lime by Benjamin Moore). "Painting your front door is supposedly the fastest way to transform the look of your house—and I believe it," says Isa. "It only took me an hour!"

Original to the house, the unstained redwood siding is rot- and pest-resistant.





Darryl and Isa Eaton, with, from left, Otis, 7; Story, 5; and Samuel, 10

nestled on a secluded street lined with decades-old sycamore and oak trees, Isa and Darryl Eaton's 1958 creekside home in Santa Barbara, CA, seems more forest-y than suburban. That tucked-away, storybook feel is what sold the couple on the 3,250-square-foot house back in 2012, despite its trapped-in-time interior. "There was dark redwood paneling in every room," says Isa. "It felt so dreary." Wall-to-wall shag carpeting and a linoleum-covered wet bar weren't helping, but none of it fazed the hands-on couple. Isa, an avid sewer, painter, and gardener, grew up rehabbing houses with her parents, and she and Darryl have also reno'ed two previous homes. Going full tilt for eight weeks, they updated every room, applying gallons of white paint and installing engineered hardwood flooring. Isa then brought in repurposed family-friendly pieces and lots of accents she made herself, including pillows and art. "Our eclectic, kind of thrown-together style is right at home in this little oak tree wonderland," she says.





“Every color of the rainbow is fair game in here. And so are kid-created forts!”

—Isa

family room

Painting the redwood paneled walls brilliant white (Simply White by Benjamin Moore) instantly lightened up the room. A Pottery Barn sectional clad in machine-washable slipcovers holds tons of pillows—some whipped up by Isa, others from IKEA. Instead of a coffee table, Isa spray-painted two metal World Market ottomans green (Key Lime by Rust-Oleum). “They’re easier to move around for board games,” she says. IKEA cubbies and World Market baskets hold the kids’ toys.



The beam was stained gray
(Driftwood by Sherwin-Williams
WoodScapes) to echo
the color of the counters.

kitchen

For a budget-smart makeover, the Eatons kept the old cabinets, which Isa says were “a horrible yellowed oak color,” and revamped them with white paint (Simply White by Benjamin Moore) and satin nickel pulls from The Home Depot. Gray granite counters and a subway tile backsplash also help the space feel brand-new. “I wasn’t sure I’d ever like this kitchen, and now I love it,” says Isa. “White paint is a miracle.”



master bedroom

Wanting to keep the grain of the redwood paneling but not the color, Isa brushed on gray paint (Collonade Gray by Sherwin-Williams) mixed with water, then rubbed it with a rag to get a weathered effect. For a sophisticated-casual mix, a Pottery Barn sleigh bed is paired with block print-style bedding from Pine Cone Hill, mismatched nightstands, and found driftwood that's propped in the corner. An oil painting of California's Central Valley, done by Isa, has pride of place above the bed.





“It’s not unusual to find one—or all—of the kids outside before 8 a.m.”

—Isa

backyard

Family gatherings begin outside in the “lounge,” where every Eaton has his or her own Adirondack chair. Each chair is different, but thanks to Isa-applied blue spray paint (Lagoon by Rust-Oleum), they look like a set. For the table, she topped an upside-down terra-cotta pot with a round piece of wood she rescued from a neighbor’s trash pile and painted blue (Brazilian Blue by Benjamin Moore). The outdoor rug and pillows are from World Market.





art corner

"We're all super crafty, including the kids," says Isa. Wanting to give them a place in the family room to get creative, she painted an old dining table blue (Stratton Blue by Benjamin Moore) and designated it the coloring, gluing, and sewing spot. The chairs were either passed down from friends or bought from Wayfair. The playful paper lanterns are from World Market and IKEA.





otis and samuel's bedroom

For her sons' shared room, Isa kept the walls neutral and added color with painted furniture, including an IKEA dresser and a secondhand bookcase, and a gallery wall of their art. "I just put construction paper backers on their creations and hang them with tape," she says. Isa sewed the fish-pattern duvet cover out of Garnet Hill sheets and personalized sheer IKEA curtains with a felt-circle garland hung from the rod.

“Sewing my daughter’s quilt took forever. It’s my first, and my last, handmade quilt.”
—Isa



tree house

Darryl, a whiz with power tools, built the backyard tree house using redwood salvaged from inside the house, plus some hardware-store pine. To make the leafy perch look like a mini-me version of the big house, he mounted a blue metal star to the front. “The kids love to play in there with friends,” says Isa. “They reel in the rope ladder so no adults can climb up.”



Isa used fabric scraps from the quilt to make this pennant garland.

story's bedroom

A Pottery Barn rug with abstract florals inspired the color palette of citrus orange and pinks in Story's room. Isa painted the bed, a freebie from a friend, off-white (Spun Cotton by Behr), then added pattern with Pottery Barn Kids sheets and a pinwheel quilt she sewed mostly out of Amy Butler fabric. The sky blue child-size desk, an antique Isa inherited from her mom, keeps everything from looking too matchy.



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wall color

Moonshine by
Benjamin Moore



living room

A tweedy gray sectional from Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams and an Arhaus ottoman upholstered in black Sunbrella fabric anchor the living area. The fun is in the accents, including punchy pillows and wingback chairs covered in a botanical print from Calico. The framed art is from minted.com.





Megan and Patrick Breen with their daughter, Maeve



This antique cabinet got lacquered white, then lined with metallic Schumacher wallpaper.

Gray may be the “it” neutral, but it’s not the easiest color to decorate with. Go too dark and a space looks blanketed by storm clouds; too light and it reads dingy. Luckily homeowner Megan Breen found just the right balance for her Chicago home. When she and her husband, Patrick, bought their three-bedroom townhouse in 2012, Megan quickly swapped out its beige walls and worn-out carpeting for finishes and furnishings in silvery hues. “I probably went through 50 shades of gray picking paint,”

says Megan. The roughly half dozen grays she settled on—from steely blues to taupe-y tones—demonstrate the color’s versatility and prove that done right, it looks anything but drab. In fact, the Breens’ home is decidedly happy, thanks to its crisp white trim and many splashes of vibrant color. “I tried to mix the gray with cheerful greens and blues,” says Megan, who worked with designer Alexandra Kaehler to pull everything together. The result is “peppy and so livable,” says Alexandra. Now that’s a sunny forecast!

dining room

"I'm hardly Goth, but I do love black," says Megan. "With gray it looks so polished." Case in point: Although three totally different chair styles (black Windsor chairs, slate-color skirted chairs, and geometric-print side chairs) live in this room, they go together like a set. To supercharge the color scheme, Megan topped the Ballard Designs buffet with a pair of Robert Abbey gourd lamps in zingy lime.





kitchen

With its classic white cabinets and gray-black granite counters, the previous owners' kitchen already suited Megan's style. Her only changes: new cabinet hardware in brushed nickel and a fresh coat of misty aqua paint (Palladian Blue by Benjamin Moore) on the walls. A flat-woven wool rug from overstock.com softens the refinished hardwood floors.

After seeing a similar plate display in a restaurant, Megan re-created it in her breakfast nook with family hand-me-downs, plus newer finds from Etsy and Anthropologie.

“I wouldn’t say I hoarded plates for this wall. But I got aggressive with my collecting!” —Megan





bedroom

Dressed almost entirely in neutrals and cocooned in floor-to-ceiling drapes, the couple's bedroom "is a seriously relaxing space," says Megan. She found the headboard at Pottery Barn, then had it monogrammed by a local seamstress. A taupe ikat duvet from Biscuit Home warms up the gray and white bedding. The mercury glass lamps are from West Elm.

maeve's nursery

Wanting her daughter's nursery to feel as soothing as her own bedroom, Megan stuck with similarly toned-down colors. "As much as I love plain gray walls, they wouldn't have worked here because the room is small," says Megan. "The stripes jazz it up."

The crib is from Newport Cottages, and the knit mobile comes from Blabla.



wall colors

Moonshine and Snowfall
White, both by
Benjamin Moore



wall color
Arctic Gray by
Benjamin Moore



In the playroom, a gallery wall—which features a stuffed giraffe head from Serena & Lily—hangs above kid-size furniture. The section of the wall under the molding is coated with chalkboard paint for scribbling.

“Maeve says ‘hi’ to the giraffe every morning—it’s the cutest thing.” —Megan





wallpaper

Layla Faye Arrows
wallpaper in grey strips,
\$88 per single roll,
wallpaperdirect.com



lamp

Metallic Urchin 13"-tall
resin lamp with shade,
\$135, shorehome.us

pillow

Spun by Welspun Bhujori
16" x 16" cotton pillow, \$36,
bedbathandbeyond.com



bring home



side table

Safavieh Rhodes
30½"H x 22"-diameter
elm table in ash grey,
\$121.50, homedepot.com



salad plate

Antique White Scroll 8½"-diameter
porcelain plate, \$13, mikasa.com





light fixture

Dauphine 19"H x 20"-diameter wood and metal pendant, \$449, rhbabyandchild.com



fabrie

Watercolor Blends by Katherine Roberts cotton canvas fabric in gray, \$32 per yard, minted.com

fabrie

Robert Allen Surreal Vines cotton fabric in indigo, \$32 per yard, joann.com



art

Astro Burst II by Vanna Lam 23 1/4" x 27 1/4" framed print in Soho black with mat in polar white, \$160, art.com

some gray



rug

Surya Front Porch FRP-1007 5' x 8' wool rug, \$372.50, rugstudio.com

dining chair

Bassett Mirror Company Skirted Parsons linen chairs in grey, \$320 for a set of 2, atgstores.com



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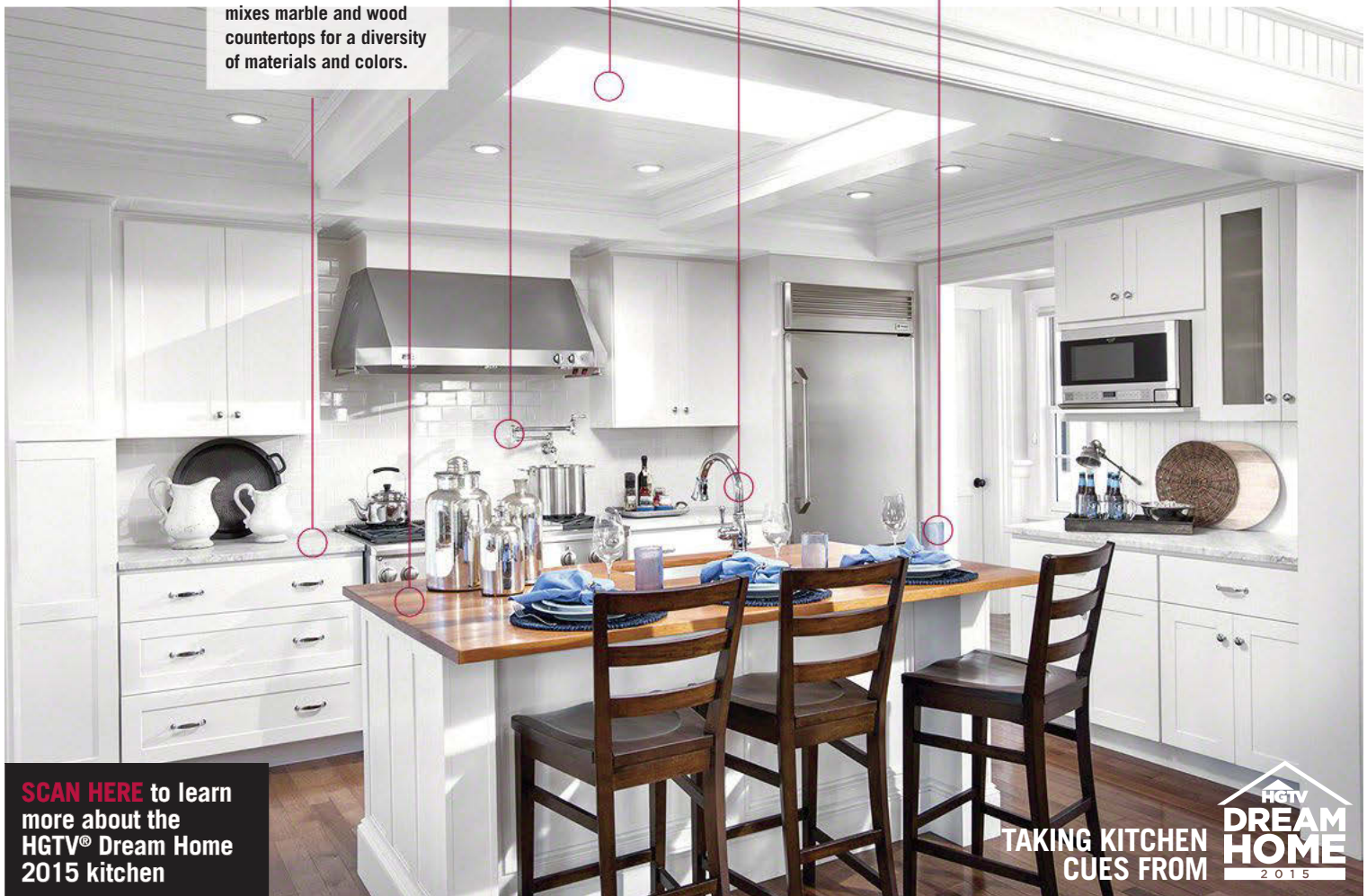


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Find all the ingredients to overhaul the busiest room in your house. Our guide is packed with everything from cabinet paint colors to cool light fixtures.

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love that
cabinet color!

Shenandoah Valley
by Glidden

“Originally the plan was to glaze these maple cabinets. When that turned out to be too pricey, we decided to paint them this watery green. It was risky, but the house is on Cape Cod, and the hue captures that sun, sea, and sand feel.”

—Denise Maurer, Denise Maurer Interiors, Troy, NY

SMALL UPGRADE: pendant lights



farmhouse

Pineridge Warehouse
7"H x 16"-diameter aluminum
pendant in orange, \$315,
rejuvenation.com



patterned

Giclee Glow Jet Set 7"H x
7"-diameter steel and
canvas pendant, \$100,
eurostylelighting.com



frosted glass

Kichler Lighting Sabine
8"H x 4¼"-diameter metal
pendant in brushed-nickel
finish, \$59, lowes.com



rounded

Westinghouse 9"H x
8"-diameter metal
pendant in purple, \$40,
homedepot.com



ombré

Besa Lighting Canto 4¼"H x
4"-diameter glass pendant
in green and yellow,
\$121.50, ylighting.com



retro

Superliving Dynamo
7½"H x 6½"-diameter
metal pendant in mint, \$90,
rosenberryrooms.com



colored glass

Elk Lighting 10"H x
5"-diameter glass
pendant in red, \$160,
destinationlighting.com



antique-y

Hinkley Lighting Gatsby
8¼"H x 4½"-diameter brass
and glass pendant, \$149,
lampsplus.com



copper










Fine Alloy 9¼"H x
7½"-diameter iron
pendant in copper finish,
\$69, landofnod.com

what's your countertop style?

Find the best option for you and your kitchen, no matter how much you want to spend.



Why not combine countertop materials? This kitchen mixes marble and black quartz.

type	pros	cons	care tips	where to buy
butcher block  FROM \$15 PER SQ. FT.	<p>"Wood really warms up a kitchen—a plus if you have stainless steel or big banks of cabinets. And it's easy for a DIYer to install."</p> <p>—Josh Temple, <i>House Crashers</i></p> 	<p>A sharp knife can damage butcher block, and so can a hot pot, humidity, and excess moisture, which makes the wood prone to warping and cracking.</p>	<p>Clean it with a damp cloth and mild soap, and oil it monthly to ward off stains. Although you can sand away nicks, to make it last, don't chop directly on the wood.</p>	<p>Home improvement stores and Lumber Liquidators (lumberliquidators.com) carry many affordable options. Look for maple (the most popular option), walnut, oak, or teak.</p>
granite  FROM \$50 PER SQ. FT.	<p>"Granite has a traditional look that's a real people pleaser. And it comes in so many color combos, it's easy to get a unique design."</p> <p>—Tarek El Moussa, <i>Flip or Flop</i></p> 	<p>Because it's a natural stone, granite is porous, putting it at risk for stains. It may also have natural fissures, which can look like chips.</p>	<p>Wipe up spills quickly, and avoid putting hot pots directly on granite, as it can crack or discolor. Seal it a couple of times a year to thwart stains.</p>	<p>Find granite at home improvement stores or at online sellers such as builddirect.com. For the most choices, however, visit your local stone retailer.</p>
laminate  FROM \$10 PER SQ. FT.	<p>One of the most wallet-friendly options, laminate offers countless looks, including solid colors, patterns, and wood or stone stand-ins.</p>	<p>With a life span of a decade or so, laminate doesn't hold up as well as stone. It can scratch, burn, and chip—and repairs are difficult to camouflage.</p>	<p>Skip abrasive cleaners, which can scratch this material. Instead clean it with soapy water. Prevent scorch marks by always using a trivet under a hot dish.</p>	<p>Formica (formica.com), well-known for decades, has a wide selection of colors and finishes. For other innovative looks, including seamless laminate, try Wilsonart (wilsonart.com).</p>
marble  FROM \$100 PER SQ. FT.	<p>Beautiful, traditional marble exudes luxury and good taste. Available in shades of white and gray, among other colors, it has a timeless look that people love.</p>	<p>A soft natural stone, marble is prone to staining, etching, and scratching, and it can chip if you drop something heavy on it. Also, it is expensive and requires vigilant care.</p>	<p>"Get marble sealed by a pro at least once a year. For daily cleaning, wipe it with a special marble cleaner, and act fast on spills."</p> <p>—Alison Victoria, <i>Kitchen Crashers</i></p> 	<p>Like granite, marble is available at home improvement stores, online, and at stone retailers. Popular types include Carrara and Calacatta.</p>
quartz  FROM \$65 PER SQ. FT.	<p>It's scratch-, stain-, and waterproof—plus, quartz comes in countless styles, from slabs in bright solid colors to versions with marble-like veining.</p>	<p>Quartz can cost big bucks, often as much as marble. Because it's manufactured, it lacks the slight imperfections natural stone has that some people prefer.</p>	<p>"Quartz needs virtually no maintenance. I never give my counters more than a wipe with a damp sponge."</p> <p>—Anthony Carrino, <i>America's Most Desperate Kitchens</i></p> 	<p>For high-quality quartz, try Caesarstone (caesarstone.com), Cambria (cambriausa.com), Silestone (silestone.com), and Zodiaq (dupont.com).</p>

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Brassica by
Farrow & Ball

"Bringing in purple made this open-plan kitchen feel less kitchen-y. The island stretches almost 10 feet long, but in this sophisticated color, it's more like sleek furniture than utilitarian cabinetry. It pairs beautifully with the silvery gray backsplash and the mink-color counters."

—Christopher Peters, Christopher Peters Kitchens and Interiors, Leamington Spa, UK



SMALL UPGRADE: chairs



wishbone

Modway Amish beech and paper rope chair in yellow, \$120, walmart.com



wire

Basket powder-coated-metal and vinyl chair in white, \$137.50, overstock.com



x-back

Hamilton birch and cane chairs in washed grey, \$249 for a set of 2, homedecorators.com



modern

Baxton Studio Celeste plywood and metal chairs in nature, \$198 for a set of 2, lowes.com



tulip

Lippa plastic and vinyl chair in green, \$152, novidecor.com



windsor

Salt beech chair in red, \$129, dwr.com



woven

Jack mango wood and banana leaf chair, \$190, pier1.com



industrial

TMS Avalon metal chairs in blue, \$126 for a set of 2, wayfair.com

sink + faucet matchups

white apron-front sink + bridge faucet



Apron-front sinks and bridge faucets, which have two handles connected by an exposed pipe, are farmhouse classics with vintage charm. Find white apron-front sinks in fireclay or enameled cast iron and bridge faucets in old-world and modern styles.

Ponticello brass faucet in antique copper finish, \$250, signaturehardware.com



Schon 925 Series brass faucet in chrome finish, \$260, overstock.com



Chesapeake brass and porcelain faucet in oil-rubbed bronze finish, \$219, houseofantiquehardware.com

white drain-board sink + gooseneck faucet



A sink like this—which has the drain board built right in—takes up a lot of visual space, so it looks best with an unadorned faucet that features a simple, clean shape. A gooseneck, with its slim, arched spout and small handles, fits the bill perfectly.



Kingston Brass Restoration brass and porcelain faucet in oil-rubbed-bronze finish, \$253.50, build.com



Align metal faucet in spot-resistant stainless finish, \$380, moen.com for stores



Cassidy brass faucet in chrome finish, \$348.50, deltafaucet.com for stores

stainless steel undermount sink + pull-down faucet



Stainless steel is inherently industrial, especially in an undermount sink, which looks like what you might see in a restaurant prep area. To keep the commercial vibe going, pair it with a gleaming pull-down faucet that has a high arch and a long hose.



Ultra Faucets Signature Collection Spring brass faucet in chrome finish, \$139, homedepot.com



Vigo Industries Dresden brass faucet in stainless steel finish, \$295, homedepot.com

Aleskär chrome-plated-brass faucet, \$279, ikea.com



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Bee by
Sherwin-Williams

"This isn't a huge kitchen, and the bold yellow makes the space. The homeowner was a little hesitant at first, but it's not an eye-assaulting color—it's like a happy sunflower. To ensure nothing competed with it, we added a neutral ceramic tile backsplash and a natural oak island. You don't want to pile wild upon wild."

—Andrea Georgopolis and Kellye O'Kelly, Slifer Designs, Edwards, CO

SMALL UPGRADE: knobs



brass

Copper Mountain Hardware
1½"-diameter brass knob,
\$13, lowes.com



resin

Clear 1¼"-diameter resin and
iron knobs, \$10 for a set of
2, worldmarket.com



chevron

Chevron 1½"-diameter
ceramic knob,
\$7, marktsq.com



artsy

Lola Rose Minerva 1¼"-diameter
brass and resin knob in green,
\$14, anthropologie.com



faceted

Stella 1¼"-diameter concrete
knobs, \$25 for a set of 2,
rejuvenation.com



painted

Multicolour With White Dots
1¾"-diameter ceramic knob,
\$8, knobco.com



geometric

Hex 1"-diameter brass
knob in satin copper, \$14,
schoolhouseelectric.com



wood

1½" x 1½" wood knob, \$8,
potteryville.com

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Stiffkey Blue
by Farrow & Ball

"This intense blue is strong enough to hold its own against all the character-rich details, like the island topped with reclaimed wood and the antique cement floor tiles. Yes, you either love this blue or hate it, but to me, it gives the kitchen soul."

—Jeff Troyer, JWT Associates,
Sherman Oaks, CA

SMALL UPGRADE: canisters



floral

Lexie Floral 9½"H x
6¼"-diameter glass canister,
\$25, pier1.com



striped

Charlotte Street 8¼"H x
6¼"-diameter porcelain canister,
\$75, katespade.com



color-blocked

5½"H x 4¾"-diameter
stoneware canister in aqua,
\$18, tuvaluhome.com



graphic

Fox & Finch 5½"H x
4½"-diameter ceramic
canister, \$36, luprints.com



painterly

Threshold Dipped Paint
6¾"H x 5¼"-diameter stoneware
canister, \$15, target.com



moroccan-style

Morocco 6¼"H x 4¼"-diameter
ceramic canister in orange,
\$23, shiraleah.com



copper

7¼"H x 4½"-diameter
copper canister, \$80,
williams-sonoma.com



whimsical

Owls 5"H x 4¼"-diameter
glazed stoneware canister, \$15,
nowdesigns.net for stores

what's your flooring style?

Don't get tripped up on floors. Discover which of these five materials is the best for you.



A herringbone pattern puts a modern spin on classic solid hardwood.

type	pros	cons	care tips	where to buy
 <p>engineered hardwood</p>	<p>Because the top layer is real wood, it shares the beauty of solid planks. But since the core is tough fiberboard, it resists spills and humidity better.</p>	<p>Engineered hardwood can be as costly as solid wood. And many kinds can be refinished only a few times over the course of their life—otherwise you'll wear away the top layer.</p>	<p>"Treat it just like regular hardwood. But make sure not to walk on it in heels—they can dent the top layer of wood."</p> <p>—Alison Victoria, <i>Kitchen Crashers</i></p> 	<p>Try companies that also make reliable solid hardwood—Mohawk (mohawkflooring.com), Shaw (shawfloors.com), and Mullican Flooring (mullicanflooring.com).</p>
 <p>laminate</p>	<p>Laminate, in addition to being durable, affordable, and easy to install, comes in a vast array of styles, from stone to barnwood. Some options are made from recycled materials.</p>	<p>While newer laminate feels, sounds, and looks a lot like stone or wood, it won't help your home's resale value. If you plan to eventually move, it may not be the most worthwhile choice.</p>	<p>Using a damp mop is OK, but don't pour water or liquid cleaners on laminate floors—too much moisture can make them swell, warp, or delaminate (when the top layer comes off).</p>	<p>Shaw, Armstrong (armstrong.com), and Mannington (mannington.com) all offer many styles, including reclaimed-wood look-alikes.</p>
 <p>solid hardwood</p>	<p>"Solid wood is the most cohesive choice for open floor plans, is softer on feet than tile, and can be refinished many times."</p> <p>—John Colaneri, <i>America's Most Desperate Kitchens</i></p> 	<p>If the wood is not properly sealed, water can stain it—a big negative since it's pricey. It also expands and contracts with changes in humidity, so it may look different over time.</p>	<p>Vacuum or sweep it regularly, and occasionally wipe it with a nearly dry mop. Shade your windows to block UV rays, which can make floors fade.</p>	<p>For high-quality hardwood, try Mohawk, the Bruce line by Armstrong, Anderson (andersonfloors.com), and PID Floors (pidfloors.com).</p>
 <p>tile</p>	<p>Because it comes in so many materials—cement, porcelain, ceramic, and stone—tile offers tons of different looks. It's also incredibly durable.</p>	<p>Tile is tough on feet, so if you cook a lot, it may not be the ideal choice. Installation can get pricey, and inexpensive tiles are sometimes prone to chipping.</p>	<p>"I have ceramic tile in my kitchen, and it just needs vacuuming. On occasion, for a more thorough scrub, I use a tile cleaner from Bona."</p> <p>—Vern Yip, HGTV designer</p> 	<p>Find a wide variety from Daltile (daltile.com), Emser Tile (emser.com), and Nemo (nemotile.com). For handmade tiles, try Fireclay Tile (fireclaytile.com).</p>
 <p>vinyl</p>	<p>"Vinyl is durable, wallet-friendly, and slightly cushiony underfoot. It's also water-resistant, so it's smart for splash-prone spots."</p> <p>—Josh Temple, <i>House Crashers</i></p> 	<p>Depending on the quality, vinyl may last as few as five years. If you want it to hold up longer, choose a durable version like LVT (luxury vinyl tile) or LVP (luxury vinyl plank).</p>	<p>Vinyl can become dull and grimy, so mop it frequently with soapy water. Wipe up spills right away to prevent them from soaking into the material.</p>	<p>Try IVC (ivcfloors.com) or Kraus (krausflooring.com) for realistic stone replicas. For wood-like options, shop Earthwerks (earthwerks.com) or BerryAlloc (berryalloc.com).</p>

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Amherst Gray by
Benjamin Moore

“Painting the cabinets this smoky shade helped transform the space from a 1970s eyesore into a modern farmhouse. There’s an elegance to the color, and it plays off the grays in the engineered hardwood floors and the stainless steel fridge.”

—Jenna Sue, Jenna Sue
Design Co., Sonora, CA



— SMALL UPGRADE: kitchen towels —



floral

Flower Bouquet linen kitchen towel, \$18, wickedmint.com



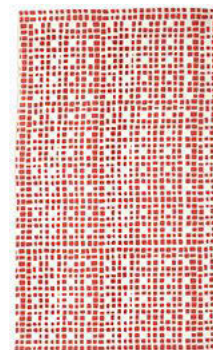
hedgehogs

Hedgehog cotton kitchen towel in teal, \$16, foxyandwinston.com



hearts

Caroline Gardner Heart cotton kitchen towel, \$20, calisea.com



checks

Grid linen kitchen towel in crushed coral, \$24, rangemarktextiles.com



stripes

Hampton Stripe cotton kitchen towel in turquoise, \$8, kafhome.com



abstract

Horizon linen and cotton kitchen towel in red, \$18, luprints.com



triangles

Triangles hemp and cotton kitchen towel in golden yellow, \$24, shapes-colors.com



birds

Blackbirds Baked in a Pie linen and cotton kitchen towel, \$18, wickedmint.com

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cool backsplash ideas

Clever ways to make the most of the space between counters and cabinets.

pressed tin



Considering its wow factor, a tin backsplash is a surprisingly easy DIY. Buy pressed tin sheets or tiles at a home improvement store or online (try americantinceilings.com). Cut with tin snips, then attach with stainless steel nails or construction adhesive. Spray with polyurethane to inhibit rust.
Designers: Patti Walker and Patrick Barrett, homeowners, Halfway, OR

fabric under glass



Mounted behind ultra-clear safety glass, printed linen revs up a neutral kitchen. While a backsplash like this is fuss-free—there are no grout lines to trap dirt—the multistep laminating and sealing process needs to be handled by a pro. Contact a local specialty glass company for details.
Designer: Drew Stuart, Inc., Architecture & Design, New York, NY

ceramic tile



Low-maintenance, simple-to-install glazed ceramic tile typically comes in just three finishes—matte, gloss, or semigloss—but it offers a staggering variety of sizes and shapes, from tiny penny rounds to the lantern-shaped tiles shown. Shop for ceramic tiles at home improvement stores, local tile shops, and sites like nemotile.com.
Designer: Nathan Brown, TreeHouse, Austin, TX

glass tile



With their iridescent shimmer, light-reflecting glass tiles are a smart choice in small kitchens. Available in tons of colors (try glasstile.com or lunadabaytile.com), the tiles are stain-resistant and impervious to mold. Installation can be a bit tricky if the glass is translucent, so check with a pro before committing.
Designer: Ali Davin, Jute, San Francisco, CA

cement tile



Because they're hand-crafted, cement tiles have minor imperfections and subtle color variations that create an artisanal feel. Since cement can stain, you'll probably need to coat it every few years with a penetrating sealer. The tiles shown are from originalmissiontile.com; for more options, try cementtileshop.com.
Designer: Amity Worrel, Amity Worrel & Co., Austin, TX

mirror tile



Forget those peel-and-stick tiles reminiscent of 1970s disco balls. Today's reflective tiles look sophisticated thanks to antiqued finishes that recall timeworn, smoke-streaked mirrors. Use them as accents rather than workhorses since splatters are obvious. Find similar styles at annsacks.com and artistictile.com.
Designer: Marisa Lafiosca, ML Interior Designs, Summit, NJ

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Varsity Orange by
Ralph Lauren Paint

"Orange is this homeowner's favorite color. I like it in a kitchen because it evokes fire, and the kitchen is the hearth of the home. I describe this hue as sexy persimmon—that's how we referred to it during the design!"

—Mark English, Mark English Architects,
San Francisco, CA

SMALL UPGRADE: cutting boards



scallop print

OrganicSaturation 11" x 15"
tempered-glass cutting board,
\$45, zazzle.com



acorn

Acorn 10¾" x 8" oak and
walnut cutting board, \$17,
stonepointwoodwork.etsy.com



polka dot

Daisy Beatrice Retro Dots Repeat
8¾" x 11½" tempered-glass cutting
board, \$49, kessinhouse.com



printed handle

Paloma 11" x 14" maple
and birch cutting board,
\$90, wolfum.com



squiggly

Magic Slice Waves 12" x
15" plastic cutting board,
\$12, wayfair.com



geometric

Grid 11¾" x 15¾"
beech cutting board,
\$75, areaware.com



tomato

Dexas Tomato 10¾" x 12½"
propylene cutting board, \$10,
bedbathandbeyond.com



black-and-white

Black Semicircle 7¾" x 11¾"
laminated-birch-veneer cutting
board, \$37, cleverspaces.com



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smeg

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love that cabinet color!

Meander Blue
by Sherwin-Williams

“This kitchen—which Anthony and I renovated on *Cousins Undercover*—was built in the 1950s and had some great retro architecture. The minty turquoise is a play on colors that were popular in kitchens then. But it also looks fresh and breathes new life into the space.”

—John Colaneri, *America's Most Desperate Kitchens*



what pros know about painting cabinets

The job will probably take longer than you think. Painting cabinets is a time-consuming process, so don't expect to do it in a day or even a weekend. You'll have to let the primer and each subsequent coat of paint (usually two) cure, or dry, before you can move on to the next step. Check your paint can's label for specific drying times—it can take up to 24 hours per coat.

Number each cabinet and door. As you remove the doors and drawer fronts, assign each one and its corresponding cabinet a number so you know what goes where. Write the numbers on painter's tape, and stick each one in a spot that likely won't get covered in paint, like by the hinges. Put each cabinet's hardware in its own plastic bag, and number it, too.

Don't underestimate the importance of prep work. Give cabinet doors, drawers, and frames a scrub with a degreaser—this will cut through grime so the paint sticks better. If your cabinets are varnished, follow up with a deglosser (a.k.a. liquid sandpaper) to remove the varnish. Klean-Strip makes a good version of each of these products; find them at home improvement stores.

There are a lot of things you can do to get a smooth look. Lay cabinet doors flat when painting them to avoid drips, and use a good-quality brush that's 2 or 2½ inches wide with angled nylon-and-polyester-blend bristles. Hate seeing brushstrokes? You can use a paint sprayer (Wagner makes a few handheld models great for at-home projects), or you can add a conditioner, such as Floetrol, to the paint, which makes it dry more slowly so you have extra time to even out your strokes.

Protect your job once you're done. After the paint has dried, try replacing hinges with soft-close options or adding small cork bumpers (available at hardware stores) to the insides of doors and drawers. They'll stop these pieces from slamming into the frame and chipping your new paint job.

OUR EXPERTS: Terry Begue, owner of Begue Painting Inc. in Hartsville, OH; Jon P. Meyer, vice president of sales at Nolan Painting Inc. in Havertown, PA; Tim Shigley, president of Shigley Construction Co. in Wichita, KS





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SMALL UPGRADE: countertop appliances



coffeemaker

Hamilton Beach FlexBrew single-serve coffeemaker in red, \$100, amazon.com



stand mixer

Kenmore Elite 5-quart stand mixer in blue, \$280, sears.com



blender

Smeg BLF01 blender in pastel blue, \$250, williams-sonoma.com



food processor

Mini-Prep Plus food processor in peridot, \$45, cuisinart.com



soda maker

Splash Play soda maker, \$80, and Striped Chevron Play skin decal, \$40, both sodastreamusa.com



slow cooker

Bella Housewares Dots 5-quart slow cooker in pink, \$35, kohls.com



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Convection digital countertop oven in aqua sky, \$450, kitchenaid.com



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Jennifer Staggs of *With Heart* recently purchased a mid-century fixer-upper. She's learned a lot during the renovation process, and here she gives her best tips for a gorgeous—and guest-ready—kitchen. Just in time for the holidays!

Visit Jen's blog at withheart.com.

1. Be bold: A large kitchen island is a great way to add more counter space, and is guest-friendly. Let it stand out from your other cabinetry. "I love a white kitchen," says Jen, "but adding in a color like navy or black to the island or lower cabinets adds interest and sophistication."



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4. Sitting pretty:


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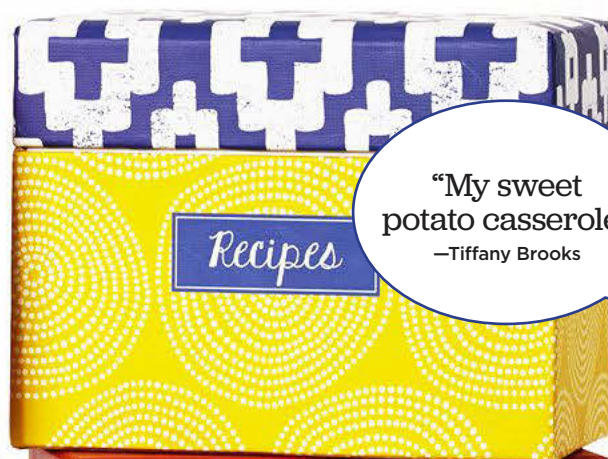
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sausage, apple,
and cornbread
stuffing"

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"My partner's
green bean
and artichoke
casserole"

—Sabrina Soto



"My grandma's
pumpkin
meringue pie"

—Chip Wade



HGTV stars share their favorite family recipe for the holiday. Get ready to dig in!

fresh cranberry sauce

TIME: 5 min | SERVES: 8

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| 1 | 12-ounce bag fresh or frozen cranberries, thawed | $\frac{1}{3}$ | cup walnuts |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ | red apple, unpeeled, cored, and roughly chopped | $\frac{1}{2}$ | cup crushed pineapple (half an 8-ounce can) |
| | | $\frac{3}{4}$ | cup sugar |

● Combine all the ingredients in a food processor, and blend until well mixed.



“This recipe is so easy, it’s no surprise we’ve passed it down in my family for generations. My kids really love it with whipped cream.”

—Joanna Gaines, *Fixer Upper*

whipped potatoes

TIME: 35 min | SERVES: 8

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| 3 | pounds Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled and quartered | | ground pepper |
| 2 | slices bacon | $\frac{1}{3}$ | cup half-and-half |
| 6 | tablespoons unsalted butter | 2 | tablespoons sour cream |
| 1 | teaspoon salt | 2½ | ounces shallot-and-chive cheese spread (such as Boursin) |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ | teaspoon freshly | 2 | teaspoons chopped fresh chives |

- Place the potatoes in a large pot, and cover with water by 2 inches. Bring to a boil, then cook until very tender, 18 to 20 minutes.
- Fry the bacon in a skillet over medium heat until crisp, about 8 minutes. Drain on paper towels, then crumble.
- Melt the butter in a small pot over low heat, and keep warm.
- Drain the potatoes and pass them through a potato ricer and into a large bowl (or beat with a mixer on low speed, but do not overmix). Add the melted butter, salt, pepper, half-and-half, sour cream, and cheese spread. Stir until just combined.
- Transfer the whipped potatoes to a serving dish. Top with the crumbled bacon and chives.



“I put my own twist on whipped potatoes—and hit the Yukon Gold jackpot. Hello, new tradition!”

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sweet potato casserole

TIME: 1 hr 50 min | SERVES: 8

FOR THE SWEET POTATOES

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| 5 medium sweet potatoes (about 2½ pounds) | ½ cup granulated sugar |
| ½ teaspoon salt | ¼ cup pineapple juice |
| 2 teaspoons cinnamon | 1 large egg |
| 1 teaspoon nutmeg | 3 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into pieces |
| 1½ teaspoons vanilla extract | |

FOR THE TOPPING

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| ¾ cup packed light brown sugar | 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour |
| ⅓ cup chopped pecans | 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into pieces |

- Preheat the oven to 375°F. Make the sweet potatoes: Line a baking sheet with foil or parchment paper. Place the sweet potatoes on the prepared baking sheet, and bake until soft, 50 minutes to 1 hour.
- Let the sweet potatoes cool, then peel. Mash with a potato masher in a large bowl.
- Stir in the salt, cinnamon, nutmeg, vanilla extract, granulated sugar, pineapple juice, egg, and 3 tablespoons butter. Pour the mixture into a 9-inch-by-9-inch baking dish.
- Make the topping: Stir together the brown sugar, pecans, and flour in a medium bowl. Stir in 2 tablespoons butter. Sprinkle the topping over the sweet potato mixture. Bake until the topping is crisp, about 35 minutes.

“I tinkered with this recipe until I landed on the secret ingredient: pineapple juice. The acidity cuts the sweetness.”

—Tiffany Brooks,
HGTV Smart Home 2016



“Almost 30 years ago, my dad clipped this recipe out of the newspaper, and it’s been our go-to stuffing ever since. How cool is that?”

—Meg Caswell, HGTV designer

sausage, apple, and cornbread stuffing

TIME: 1 hr 15 min | SERVES: 8

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| 1 12-ounce tube bulk pork sausage | 1 14-ounce can reduced-sodium chicken broth |
| 3 tablespoons unsalted butter, plus more for the baking dish | 1 large egg, beaten |
| ½ cup chopped celery | 1 teaspoon dried thyme |
| ½ cup chopped onion | ½ teaspoon ground sage |
| 1 small tart green apple (such as Granny Smith), peeled, cored, and chopped | 1 12-ounce package cornbread stuffing mix (such as Pepperidge Farm) |

- Preheat the oven to 375°F. Butter a 9-inch-by-13-inch baking dish. Cook the sausage in a large skillet over medium heat, breaking up the meat with a wooden spoon, until cooked through, about 6 minutes. Remove to a large bowl with a slotted spoon.
- Melt 3 tablespoons butter in the skillet, then add the celery and sauté until it begins to soften, about 4 minutes. Add the onion and apple, and sauté until just tender, about 5 minutes.
- Add the sautéed mixture to the bowl with the sausage, and let cool slightly. Stir in the chicken broth, egg, thyme, sage, and 2½ cups water. Add the stuffing mix and toss to combine.
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pumpkin meringue pie

TIME: 1 hr 40 min | SERVES: 8

FOR THE PIE

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| 3 large eggs | ½ teaspoon ground ginger |
| 1 cup whole milk | ½ teaspoon salt |
| ½ cup granulated sugar | 1 15-ounce can pure pumpkin puree |
| ½ cup packed light brown sugar | 1 9-inch frozen deep-dish piecrust, thawed |
| 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon | |
| ¾ teaspoon ground nutmeg | |

FOR THE MERINGUE

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| 3 large egg whites | ½ cup granulated sugar |
| ¼ teaspoon cream of tartar | ½ teaspoon vanilla extract |

● Preheat the oven to 425° F. Make the pie: Beat the eggs in a large bowl. Add the milk, sugars, spices, and salt, and mix well. Add the pumpkin and mix until just blended. Pour the pumpkin mixture into the piecrust, and bake 15 minutes, then reduce the heat to 375° F. Bake until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out mostly clean, about 1 more hour. Remove from the oven.

● Make the meringue: Beat the egg whites and cream of tartar until soft peaks form. While beating, gradually add the sugar. Beat on high speed until very thick and glossy, 2 to 4 minutes. Beat in the vanilla extract. Spoon the meringue on top of the pie. Bake at 375° F until light brown, 12 to 15 minutes.



“My grandmother has been making this meringue-topped pie for five decades! It might be the longest-running tradition in my family.”

—Chip Wade, *Elbow Room*

green bean and artichoke casserole

TIME: 50 min | SERVES: 8

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| ¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil | parmesan cheese, plus 2 tablespoons for topping |
| 1 small onion, chopped | |
| 2 cloves garlic, minced | 1 8-ounce can artichoke hearts in water, drained, patted dry, and chopped |
| ½ cup Italian-style breadcrumbs | 1 pound fresh haricots verts, chopped into 1-inch pieces |
| ¼ cup panko breadcrumbs | |
| ½ cup grated Romano or | |

● Preheat the oven to 350° F. Heat the olive oil in a skillet over medium-low heat. Add the onion and sauté until it starts to soften, about 4 minutes. Add the garlic and sauté until softened but not browned, about 2 minutes.

● Mix the breadcrumbs and ½ cup cheese in a large bowl. Add the artichoke hearts, haricots verts, and onion mixture, and toss to combine.

● Pour the mixture into a 9-inch-by-13-inch baking dish, and bake for 20 minutes. Sprinkle with 2 tablespoons cheese, then bake 10 more minutes.



“My partner, Steve, brought this to his first Thanksgiving with the Soto clan, and they’ve requested it every year since!”

—Sabrina Soto, HGTV designer



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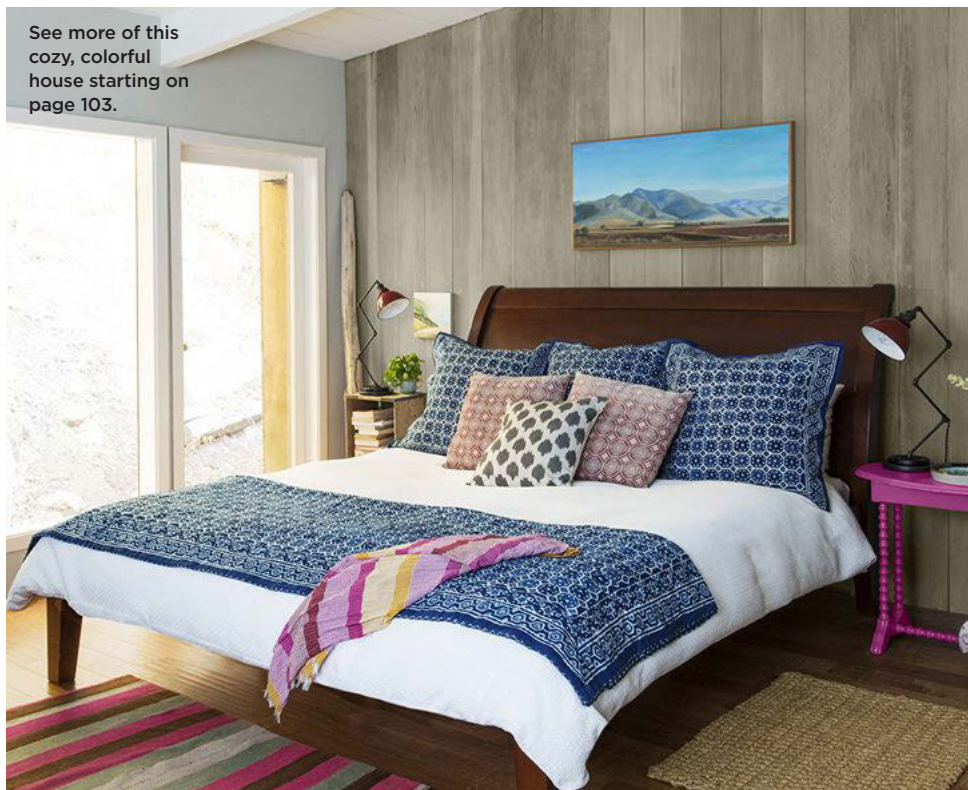
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103-115 Dining Room: FLOORING (throughout) Imflooring.com. **RUG** Urban Triangle outdoor rug in orange, blue, and green, luluaandgeorgia.com. **TABLE** Rustic Java Greyson fixed dining table, worldmarket.com. **THROW** (as tablecloth) Pendleton Chimayo fringed throw in coral, tuvaluhome.com. **CHAIRS** vintage. **LIGHT FIXTURE** Orb chandelier in bronze, ballarddesigns.com. **Exterior: STARS** For a similar look, try ebay.com. **Family Room: BOOKSHELVES** IKEA. **ART** vintage, destinedforgrace.com. **SOFA AND CHAIR** Pottery Barn. **SLIPCOVERS** IKEA. **PILLOWS** IKEA and custom. **BLANKETS** vintage. **BASKETS** World Market. **RUG** vintage. **Kitchen: RUG** Stone Soup

cotton rug, dashandalbert.com. **VASE** (on credenza) The Home Depot. **Master Bedroom: BED** Valencia II sleigh bed, potterybarn.com. **BEDDING** Pine Cone Hill. **Backyard: CHAIRS** For a similar look, try Highland Wood Adirondack chairs in surf tide blue, improvementscatalog.com. **RUG AND PILLOWS** World Market. **Art Corner: TABLE** vintage. **LANTERNS** (largest) IKEA; (all others) Eyelet paper lanterns in apple green, and Maru round paper lanterns in white, both World Market. **RUG** Color-bound sisal rug in tobacco, potterybarn.com. **SWING-ARM LAMP** World Market. **CHAIRS** (Windsor) For a similar look, try Winston Windsor chairs in antique black, overstock.com; (all others) Woodbridge Home Designs Amara chairs, wayfair.com. **Otis and Samuel's Bedroom: BEDDING** (sheets and light blue quilt) Pottery Barn Kids; (striped duvet covers) IKEA; (striped and dotted pillows) custom; (fish duvet cover and striped euro pillows) custom. **CURTAINS** IKEA. **DRESSER** (painted) Hemnes 8-drawer dresser, IKEA. **BOOKCASE** vintage, Homesteader, Oakland, CA, 510-652-9677. **RUG** Pottery Barn Kids. For a similar look, try Couristan Covington Sherbet Stripe rug, hayneedle.com. **LAMP** (on dresser) IKEA. **LIGHT FIXTURE** The Home Depot. **Tree House: STAR** For a similar look, try ebay.com. **Story's Bedroom: BED** vintage. **BEDDING** (sheets) Pottery Barn Kids; (pillow and quilt) custom. **RUG** Pottery Barn. **LANTERNS** World Market. **What to Do When Gray Is Your Favorite Color, pages 116-125 Living Room: DRAPERY** FABRIC Durable. **CHAIRS** vintage. **CHAIR FABRIC**

See more of this cozy, colorful house starting on page 103.



shopping guide

Calico, calicocorners.com. **SIDE TABLE** Ballard Designs. **LAMPSHADE** Colorful 16"-diameter burlap drum shade in citron yellow and cream, shadesoflight.com. **ART** *Rings* in mustard by 2birdstone wood framed print in black premium, minted.com. **SOFA** Hunter sectional, mgbwhome.com. **OTTOMAN** (re-covered) Butler upholstered ottoman with trays, arhaus.com. **OTTOMAN FABRIC** Sunbrella. **PILLOWS** (spotted) custom; (all others) Target. **SPOTTED PILLOW FABRIC** Les Touches in green, brunschwig.com, decorativebuyingservice.com for buying info. **RUG** Crate & Barrel. **Dining Room: CHINA CABINET** vintage. **WALLPAPER IN CHINA CABINET** Schumacher. **LIGHT FIXTURE** West Elm. **MIRROR** Ballard Designs. **BUFFET** Dehavilland 3-drawer console in distressed black, ballarddesigns.com. **LAMPS** Robert Abbey. **ART** luliwallace.com. **DINING TABLE** For a similar look, try Threshold Brimfield turned-leg dining table in caramel, target.com. **CHAIRS** (skirted) The Piper chairs, shopsocietysocial.com; (Windsor) for a similar look, try Winston Windsor chairs in antique black, overstock.com; (side) Ethan Allen. **SIDE CHAIR FABRIC** La Fiorentina in ivory, leejofoa.com, decorativebuyingservice.com for buying info. **Kitchen: CABINETRY HARDWARE** The Home Depot. **RUG** Geometric rug in gold and grey, overstock.com. **Breakfast Nook: PENDANT** Ethan Allen. **WALL OF PLATES** Anthropologie; aedrieloriginals.etsy.com; vintage. **TABLE** vintage. For a similar look, try Adam dining table in English toffee, ethanallen.com. **CHAIRS** Insect chair in white, overstock.com. **RUG** Jaipur Pura Vida rug in gray, wayfair.com. **Bedroom: HEADBOARD** Pottery Barn. **DUVET** Amber duvet in taupe, biscuit-home.com. **LAMPS** Abacus mercury glass lamp with shade in white linen, westelm.com. **NIGHTSTAND** West Elm. **Maeve's Nursery: CRIB** Beverly crib with moldings, newportcottages.com. **MOBILE** blablakids.com. **Playroom: Mounted Giraffe**, serenaandlily.com; (*M* print) lucydarlingprints.etsy.com; (kite hoop art) fasewlastitches.etsy.com; (pineapple print) landofnod.com. **TABLE** Bin play table in white, landofnod.com. **CHAIRS** Parker play chairs in hot pink, landofnod.com. **RUG** Round and Round rug in pink, landofnod.com. **INTERIOR DESIGN** Alexandra Berlin Kaehler, Alexandra Kaehler Design, Chicago, IL, alexandrakaehler.com.



DIY Ogee Tea Towel How-to

- 1 Go to hgtv.com/diy-tea-towel to download the ogee template. Print both parts, then cut them out, and trace each onto a printing block, such as Speedball Speedy-Carve. Cut out each with a crafts knife and, using double-sided tape, adhere each to an acrylic block. These will be your stamps.
- 2 Use a pouncer to coat the large stamp with acrylic paint mixed with a textile medium to make it fabric-safe. Starting at one edge of a white dish towel, stamp a row of ogees, leaving a little space between each one. Let dry.
- 3 Follow the instructions in step 2 to coat the small stamp with paint. Use it to fill in the ogees. Let dry.

CRAFTS PAINTS Poppy and Spa Blue, both by Americana
DISH TOWEL Plain weave 20" x 28" cotton dish towel in white, \$2.50, discountembroideryblanks.com

kitchen style

Kitchen Upgrades Big & Small, pages 129-149 What's Your Countertop Style?

LAMINATE (from left) Jonathan Adler Collection Blue Greek Key #9492-58 in matte finish, from \$14 per square foot; Concrete Stone #7267-34 in scovato finish, from \$14 per square foot; and Argento Romano #6697-46 in etchings finish, from \$10 per square foot, all formica.com for stores. **BUTCHER BLOCK** Williamsburg Butcher Block Co. 8'W x 25'D x 1½'H builder countertop in maple, \$260, lumberliquidators.com. **GRANITE** SenSa granite kitchen countertop in crema pearl, from \$50 per square foot, lowes.com. **QUARTZ** 3141 Eggshell with polished finish, from \$65 per square foot, caesarstoneus.com for buying info. **MARBLE** White Carrara, newyorkstone.com for buying info. **Flooring for Every Budget: TILE** Color Blox by Crossville 12" x 12" porcelain tiles in A1110 sea monkey, from \$9.50 per square foot, nemotile.com for buying info. **VINYL** (from left) Trenton Luxury vinyl tile in smoky haze #TRN-1882, \$3 per square foot; and Sinclair Luxury vinyl plank in Reston #SCL-471 and Manitoba #SCL-472, \$2 per square foot, all earthwerks.com for buying info. **LAMINATE** Stones & Ceramics Collection slate in grey stone

#L6569, from \$3.50 per square foot, armstrong.com for stores. **ENGINEERED HARDWOOD** Epic Plus ½" x 6½" Thames Hickory SW553 in abingdon #1002, \$8 per square foot, shawfloors.com for stores. **HARDWOOD** KWMC68503 ¾" x 3½" maple in carlton, \$10 per square foot, pidfloors.com for buying info. **Love That Cabinet Color (Amherst Gray): INTERIOR DESIGN** Jenna Sue Design Co., jennasuedesign.com. **Best-Selling Appliances RANGES** Big Chill 30" Pro Range in French blue; Viking Professional 5 Series 36" gas range in stainless steel. **DISHWASHERS** Kenmore 24" Built-in Dishwasher With PowerWave Spray Arm in stainless steel item #02213543000P, model #13543; Maytag Our Quietest Dishwasher With WaterWall Technology #DW80J9945US. **It Wouldn't Be Thanksgiving Without... pages 153-158 RECIPE BOXES** (clockwise from top left) Retro papier-mâché recipe box in apple and pear, \$38, revibed.etsy.com; Art of Cooking recipe box, \$20, crgibson.com; Heidi Schweigert My Recipes recipe box, \$14.50, barnesandnoble.com; Island Bamboo recipe box, \$19, everythingkitchens.com; tin recipe box in capri, \$34, riflepaperco.com; Clementine recipe box, \$90, thestationerystudio.com.

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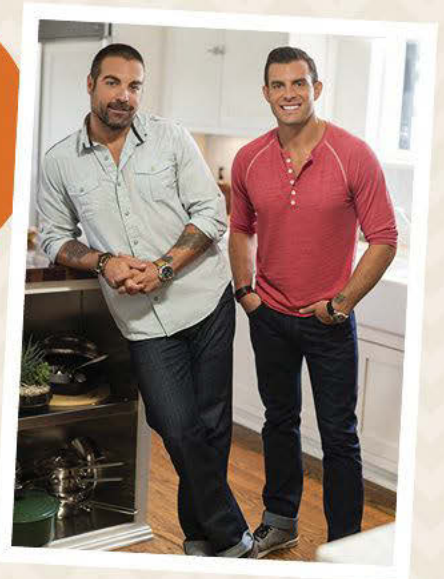
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